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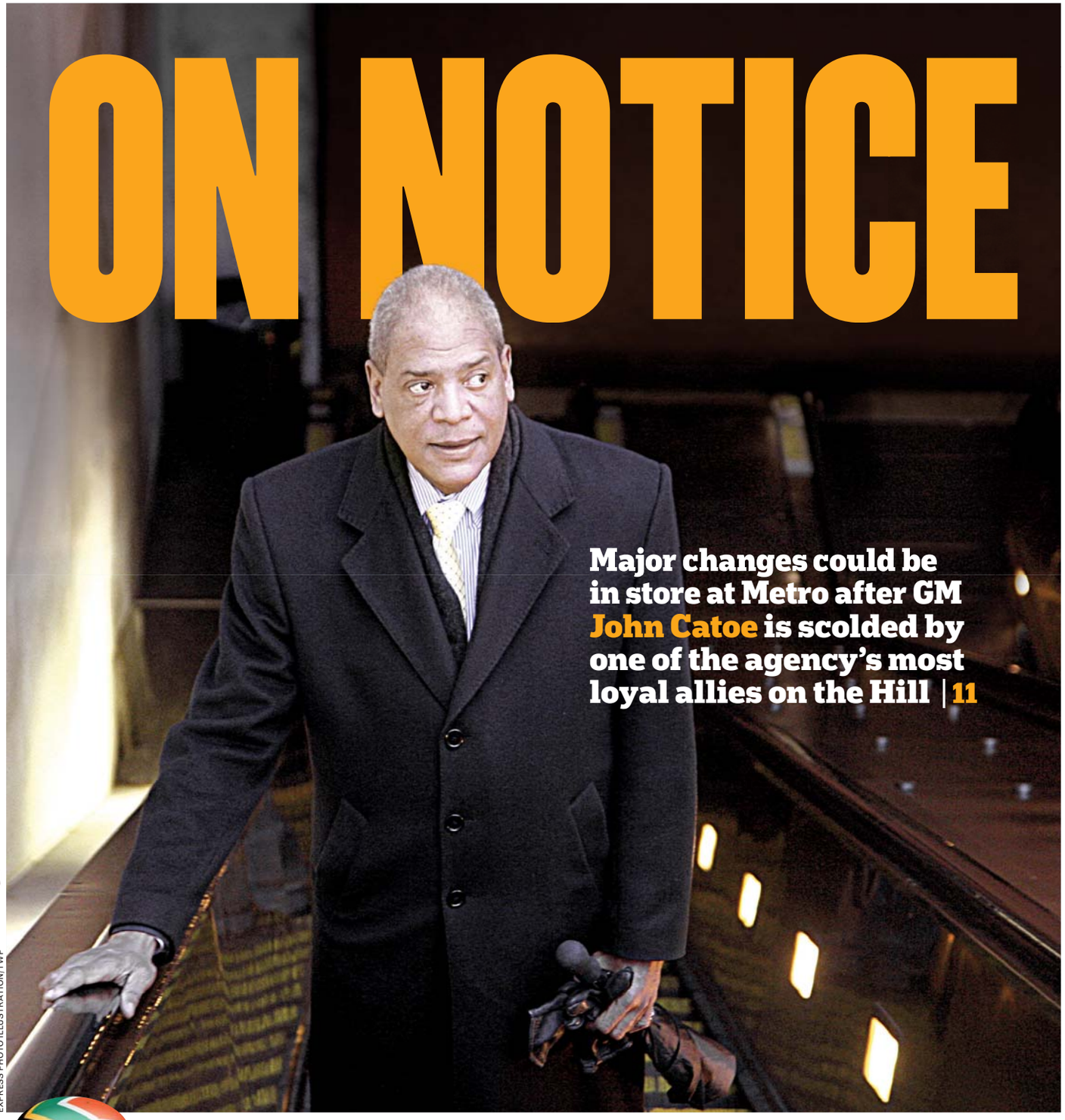

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Only in the Netherlands

Police are investigating the claims of an Eerbeek, Netherlands, man who reported his large collection of illegal Ecstasy pills has been stolen. Police say the man decided to report the theft of 2,400 pills of the party drug because he thinks 40 of them are poisonous. A police spokeswoman says police think the man is serious but can't be sure. She said Thursday it is not clear whether he will be charged with a crime, given that the illegal drugs have vanished. (AP)

"I like to lean on human intervention until I actually see a UFO come down and take a cow."

— **CHUCK ZUKOWSKI,** A UFO EXPERT, ON WHETHER THE MUTILATION OF FOUR COLORADO CALVES WAS THE WORK OF ALIENS.

Mao, Mussolini Also Welcome

A frustrated homeowner in Indian Harbor Beach, Fla., spray-painted graffiti on her own house to address a tiff with her homeowners association. "Hitler would be a welcome neighbor here. Stop the harassment to my family," she wrote. Sheila Jones said she's been mocked and humiliated because she can't pay the $120 monthly homeowners association fee. (AP)

The Big Picture

PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY IMAGES

A GROUP DRESSED as space and time travelers arrived at London's Heathrow Airport Thursday as part of a future-themed art exhibition. The gold-clad folks are friends and family of Polish artist Pawel Althamer, and they're touring the world in a gold airliner. Their journey ends at Althamer's show in Oxford, England. (EXPRESS)

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In Brief

NEW YORK

Goldman Sachs Alters Bonus Policy for Execs

Goldman Sachs Group Inc.'s top executives will not receive cash bonuses this year, as the Wall Street giant bows to sharp criticism over its pay practices. The 30 high-ranking executives will instead receive stock that cannot be sold for at least five years, the New York-based bank said Thursday. But the restrictions won't affect the more-than 31,000 other employees at the bank. **(AP)**

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Promotions in Fire Case

A group of white firefighters who won a discrimination case received their promotion badges Thursday in an emotional ceremony that provided symbolic recognition of their victory. The Supreme Court ruled that New Haven officials violated white firefighters' civil rights when they threw out 2003 test results in which too few minorities did well. **(AP)**

WASHINGTON

16K Troops Have Orders

The Pentagon's top military officer says 16,000 troops have received their orders for Afghanistan since President Obama announced his new war strategy. Adm. Mike Mullen said Thursday that the first to go — a battalion of Marines — will arrive in southern Afghanistan next week. **(AP)**

U.S. Borrowing Near Legal Limit

Pelosi planning vote next week to stretch nation's debt ceiling

Washington

With the national debt projected to soar by nearly $1.4 trillion this year, congressional Democrats are planning a year-end push to dramatically increase the legal debt limit so they don't have to revisit the politically uncomfortable issue in 2010, when they will face voters in November.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Thursday that she would include legislation to raise the debt ceiling in a must-pass defense spending bill headed to the floor of her chamber next week. "We need to have a vehicle so that the Senate can vote on it, and it is our intention to have something on the Department of Defense bill," Pelosi said.

House leaders have yet to settle on how much to raise the debt ceiling, now at $12.1 trillion. Numbers as high as an additional $1.925 trillion are under discussion. Federal borrowing is rapidly approaching the debt limit, and Treasury officials have informed congressional leaders that they must raise the cap before New Year's Eve or risk running out of money to make Social Security and veterans' payments in early January.

The House voted this year as part of its budget blueprint to raise the limit to nearly $13 trillion, but the Senate never acted on the matter. **LORI MONTGOMERY (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

MELINA MARA/TWP

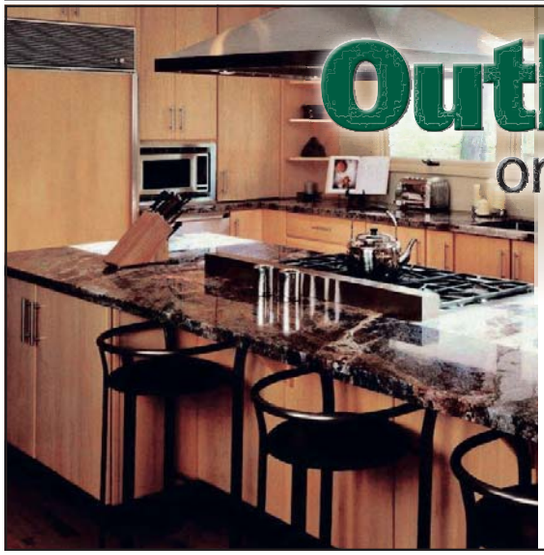
House Speaker Nancy Pelosi wants Democrats to raise the debt limit before 2010.

Internal Opposition

A small group of moderate Democrats in the Senate have threatened to vote against increasing the debt limit unless Congress creates a bipartisan task force to address the nation's fiscal problems. Meanwhile, fiscal conservatives in the House known as Blue Dog Democrats insist that any plan to raise the debt limit should include a new pay-as-you-go law that would prohibit lawmakers from approving tax cuts or increases in entitlement spending without offsetting the cost. **(TWP)**

WEALTH

Dollar by dollar, Americans are recovering some of the vast wealth they lost in the recession, thanks to gains in stock investments and home values. But it's likely to be a long trek back. Net worth — the value of assets minus debts — rose 5 percent last quarter to $53.4 trillion, the Federal Reserve said Thursday. Yet even with those gains, Americans' net worth would need to rise an additional 21 percent just to return to pre-recession levels. **(AP)**



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Nation

Officer Kills Man in Times Square

New York

A plainclothes police officer chased a scam artist through sidewalks crowded with holiday shoppers and tourists Thursday in the heart of Times Square, killing the suspect near a landmark Broadway hotel after a gunfight that shattered box office and gift shop windows, police said. No one else was injured.

The 25-year-old suspect and his brother were trying to dupe tourists into buying CDs and movies along Broadway and 46th Street just before noon when he was recognized by a sergeant who runs a task force that monitors aggressive panhandling, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said.

The officer asked them for their tax identification, which allows peddlers to sell on the streets. But the suspect took off running, eventually into the Marriott Marquis hotel's passenger drop-off area, Kelly said.

LOUIS LANZANO/AP

Police officers guard an area in Times Square where a shooting took place Thursday.

The sergeant pursued, and the man turned and fired with a Mac-10 machine pistol; he got off two shots before it jammed, police said. The officer fired four times, striking the suspect in the chest and arm, and killing him, Kelly said.

Duncan Stewart, a Broadway casting director, said the incident was unlike anything he'd ever seen during his three years working in Times Square.

"It's one thing to see the Naked Cowboy day after day ... but a shooting is something different altogether," he said. **(AP)**

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World

"The belief that peace is desirable is rarely enough to achieve it."

SUSAN WALSH/AP

After the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony Thursday in Oslo, President Obama and his wife, Michelle, wave from their hotel balcony to a crowd of thousands chanting, "Yes, we can."

Humbled Obama Accepts Nobel

At ceremony in Oslo, president says war is necessary for peace

Oslo

Newly enshrined among the world's great peacemakers, President Obama offered a striking defense of war.

Eleven months into his presidency, a fresh Obama doctrine.

Evil must be vigorously opposed, he declared as he accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on Thursday. At the same time, he made an impassioned case for building a "just and lasting peace."

In Defense of War

"I face the world as it is and cannot stand idle in the face of threats to the American people. For make no mistake: Evil does exist in the world. A nonviolent movement could not have halted Hitler's armies. Negotiations cannot convince al-Qaeda's leaders to lay down their arms. To say that force may sometimes be necessary is not a call to cynicism — it is a recognition of history; the imperfections of man and the limits of reason."

— **PRESIDENT OBAMA,** IN HIS SPEECH DURING THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE CEREMONY THURSDAY

Pronouncing himself humbled by such an honor so early in "my labors on the world stage," Obama turned his Nobel moment into a defense of armed intervention in times of self-defense or moral necessity. The message was an inevitable nod to the controversy defining his selection: an American president lauded for peace as he escalates the war in Afghanistan.

It was a jarring moment when Obama, in the midst of his speech, said of troops in Afghanistan: "Some will kill. Some will be killed."

He lauded previous Nobel winner Martin Luther King Jr., a preacher of nonviolent action. But he laid out circumstances in which war is justified — in self-defense, to aid an invaded nation and on humanitarian grounds such as when civilians are killed by their own government.

"Let us reach for the world that ought to be," Obama said. "We can understand that there will be war and still strive for peace." **BEN FELLER (AP)**

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Columnists find much to praise — and critique — about Obama's speech at washingtonpost.com/postpartisan.

57 Held Hostage in Philippines

Manila, Philippines

Government-armed former militiamen wanted for murder and banditry took more than 70 villagers and children hostage Thursday from a southern Philippines village, demanding charges be dropped against them.

Hours after the kidnapping Thursday, the gunmen freed the 17 children they held after talking with a government negotiator.

They continued to hold 57 hostages, most of them women. Negotiations were to resume Friday. **(AP)**

Hearsay

"Never has [Spanish] been under such threat — from information technology, from the economy or from English."

— **BLAS BRUNI,** A VENEZUELAN WHO WORKED WITH SPAIN'S ROYAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY, ON WHY HE HELPED REVISE SPANISH GRAMMAR RULES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 80 YEARS.

In Brief

EYAD BABA/AP

A Palestinian lowers himself into a tunnel on the Gaza-Egypt border Thursday.

CAIRO

Egypt Attempts to Block Gaza Smuggling Tunnels

Egypt is installing a series of metal sheets about 60 feet deep along its border with Gaza in an attempt to block tunnels that serve as a key conduit to bring weapons into the Palestinian territory, border guards and area residents said Thursday. The project appears to be one of a series of measures Egypt has taken to crack down on smuggling since the end of Israel's war on Hamas last winter. **(AP)**

PARIS

EU Leaders Fail to Agree On Climate Fund Figure

EU leaders said they failed to agree on how much money to commit to a fund to help poor countries cope with global warming. Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt said after the first day of a two-day EU summit that "we are still working on putting together what the European countries ... are able to do." **(AP)**

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA

Government Seizes Ranch of Morales' Rival

The government has seized a 48-square-mile ranch in Bolivia's eastern lowlands from a chief political rival of just re-elected President Evo Morales. The confiscation announced Thursday was the first by the government as it seeks to wrest fallow farmland from big landholders and "restore" it to the Indian majority. **(AP)**

VIENNA

Gay Civil Unions Allowed

Austria's parliament passed legislation Thursday allowing same-sex couples to enter into civil unions, a move hailed by proponents as a historic win for gay rights in the country. **(AP)**

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World

Arrests Highlight Global Terrorism

Americans detained in Pakistan reveal militants' wide reach

Kabul, Afghanistan

The arrest in Pakistan of five Americans who authorities say might have been on their way to terrorist training camps highlights the growing internationalism of Pakistani militant groups — both in their aims and their appeal.

The men, who had not been charged as of Thursday night but were being questioned by the FBI, have been connected by Pakistani police officials to at least two armed Pakistani groups, Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Jangvi. In recent years, both groups have increasingly been linked to al-Qaeda.

Police officials suggested that the five Americans arrested Tuesday might have been headed to North Waziristan, the tribal land that has become al-Qaeda's home base. The region is used as a training ground for fighters and as a staging area for attacks against U.S. troops in neighboring Afghanistan. Pakistani police officials said the men made clear that they intended to wage jihad, or holy war.

For decades, Pakistan has had a long roster of militant groups, each with its own goals. But Pakistani analysts say the organizations have recently begun to show an unprecedented level of cooperation and appear to be working toward a common agenda that involves attacking U.S. forces in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Unusual Suspects

The five men arrested in Pakistan don't fit the typical profile of other Americans arrested on terrorism-related charges, according to the FBI, the Christian Science Monitor reported. Unlike others suspected of terror ties, these men are from middle-class homes in the Alexandria, Va., area and were well-educated and assimilated in their communities. (EXPRESS)

Pakistani analysts said the case of the five Americans arrested in Sargodha, coupled with that of a Chicago man charged this week with helping to plot last year's rampage in Mumbai, suggests that radical groups in Pakistan are finding an audience in the U.S.

"It shows that this is truly a global phenomenon," said Talat Masood, an Islamabad-based security analyst and former Pakistani general. GRIFF WITTE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Sweet Greeting

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'I Want Action'

Maryland senator takes Metro to task for lapses in safety

Washington

Metro board chairman Jim Graham said Thursday that the transit agency would soon announce "substantial reorganization and management changes," hours after Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., angrily criticized senior managers at a hearing on Capitol Hill.

Mikulski

Mikulski testified that Metro was only paying "lip service" to what she described as a series of lapses in safety oversight and accountability, saying she was "really hot about this" and calling on the Metro board to take "appropriate and immediate action."

"They need a more vigorous and aggressive form of management at Metro," said Mikulski, stabbing a finger in the air during testimony before the Senate Banking transportation subcommittee.

Graham said an announcement could come as soon as Friday and that General Manager John B. Catoe Jr. was finalizing details, an indication that the transit chief would not lose his job. Graham declined to detail what changes would be made. He said they were approved before Mikulski's criticisms.

"It's clearly past time for there to be some very substantial management changes at Metro," Graham said.

MARVIN JOSEPH/TWP

Metro GM John Catoe said Maryland Sen. Barbara Mikulski's criticisms of the transit system reflect "frustrations we all share."

Mikulski's remarks came at a hearing called to consider the Obama administration's proposal to overhaul safety regulation of the nation's subway and light-rail systems. The plan would grant the Transportation Department direct regulatory oversight.

The overhaul was prompted by recent high-profile accidents, particularly the June 22 Metro crash that killed nine people.

Mikulski's criticism was striking because she has been a key supporter of Metro on Capitol Hill, where she worked to secure dedicated federal funding for the transit agency. She is a member of the Senate appropriations transportation subcommittee, which advanced a bill to provide $150 million to Metro for capital projects, with priority to urgent safety upgrades. The funding, long sought by Metro and the Washington delegation, passed the House Thursday. The Senate is expected to approve it next week before it is sent to President Obama to be signed into law.

When asked whether she was calling for Metro General Manager John B. Catoe Jr. to step down, Mikulski only said: "The board needs to establish benchmarks of performance and hold the management team responsible."

She said the public "has a real confidence gap" in Metro. She said Metro's approach to addressing problems is to have meetings. "Catoe wants to have a meeting with me. I don't want to have a meeting. I want action."

Catoe said Mikulski was "bringing up the frustration we all share. I will hold my people accountable, and I expect to be held accountable. I will commit every ounce of my energy to focus on our safety issues, and I'm making the same commitment of my staff."

LENA H. SUN AND JOE STEPHENS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"Everyone in this region woke up the day after that [Metro] crash and said: 'Who's responsible for safety?' And there was no one."

—**RAY LAHOOD,** U.S. TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY, UNVEILING DETAILS ON TUESDAY OF THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN TO TAKE OVER SAFETY REGULATION OF THE NATION'S SUBWAY AND LIGHT-RAIL SYSTEMS.

A SYSTEM OFF TRACK: PROBLEMS SINCE THE JUNE CRASH

1 WORKER SAFETY

On Aug. 9, a track repairman was killed after being struck by a machine spreading gravel on the Orange Line. Another WMATA worker was killed a month later after being hit by a six-car train on the track between Braddock Road and Reagan National Airport. Metro vowed to step up its safety training efforts after the accidents.

2 BUDGET WOES

WMATA is facing a budget gap of nearly $175 million due to decreased ridership. The transit agency has attributed the decline to growing D.C. unemployment, increasing frustration with train and bus service, and lower gas prices. Officials have indicated that service cuts and fare increases may be instituted to cover the funding gap.

3 A SECOND COLLISION

In the early hours of Nov. 29, a Metro train headed into the West Falls Church rail yard smashed into a parked train, causing millions of dollars in damage. Three WMATA employees were injured, but no passengers were aboard either train. Still, the crash raised new questions about Metro's older cars.

4 EMPLOYEE DRAMA

In August, a train operator tested positive for drugs after taking a train with too many cars to a station. That same month, Metro fired two bus drivers: one for allegedly kidnapping a passenger, the other for driving with a suspended license in an off-duty accident. In October, a train operator was put on leave after he left his train and refused to complete his shift. (EXPRESS/TWP)

Local

Cold Spell Claims Four Lives in Md.

Baltimore, Md.

The Maryland Department of Health says four people have suffered hypothermia and died in the last three weeks.

A woman in Baltimore died on Nov. 21, and a man in Montgomery County died seven days later. A man from Anne Arundel County died on Nov. 30, and a Baltimore County woman died last week.

The department says autopsies showed that hypothermia was a contributing factor in each person's death.

The department says lives can be saved in severe weather by preparing and using common sense, and checking on friends and neighbors, especially if they're older.

Hypothermia was a contributing factor in the deaths of 54 residents of Maryland during last year's cold weather season. (AP)

Old Hospital Could Go to District

Civil War-era facility may be transferred to city, redeveloped

Washington

An appropriations bill moving through Congress could help determine the fate of a vacant Civil War-era hospital in Southeast Washington, just east of the Capitol.

Rep. Sam Farr, D-Calif., included a provision in the bill that would allow the federally owned Old Naval Hospital at 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE to be transferred to the District. The House approved the appropriations package Thursday; the Senate is expected to consider it in the coming days.

D.C. residents and public officials have been advocating for nearly 10 years for the transfer and redevelopment of the stately building that has fallen into disrepair.

"This is good news for the District and good news for the Old Naval Hospital," said Guy Martin, vice chairman of the Old Naval Hospital Foundation, which won the bid to redevelop the hospital. "We're very happy. Everyone has been working on this for so long."

MICHAEL LUTZKY/TWP

The federally owned Old Naval Hospital may become the property of the District.

Martin said the foundation has about two-thirds of the $10 million needed to convert the building into a community center, known as the Hill Center. Most of that money has been appropriated by Congress and the District, Martin said.

OVETTA WIGGINS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Hearsay

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War Hero Wins Flagpole Battle

Richmond, Va.

A 90-year-old Army veteran who was awarded the Medal of Honor during World War II is thanking people who supported his battle to keep a 21-foot flagpole in his front yard, now that his homeowners association has dropped its demand that he take it down.

Retired Army Col. Van T. Barfoot read a statement Wednesday thanking "neighbors and people all through the country who have supported me in flying the American flag here in front of my home."

Barfoot's comments came a day after the Sussex Square homeowners association dropped threats of legal action against him. He erected the flagpole in September, despite being denied permission to do so because it violated the neighborhood's aesthetic guidelines. The association originally had threatened to take Barfoot to court if he failed to remove the pole by Friday.

EVA RUSSO/AP

World War II veteran Van T. Barfoot will keep his 21-foot flagpole in his front yard.

"In the time I have left, I plan to continue to fly the American flag without interference," he said.

The issue generated attention nationwide, including support for Barfoot from Virginia's U.S. senators. White House press secretary Robert Gibbs on Monday called the homeowners group's request "silly."

Barfoot, a Mississippi native, was awarded the Medal of Honor during World War II for actions near Carano, Italy, in May 1944. He was credited with standing up to three German tanks with a bazooka and stopping their advance. (AP)

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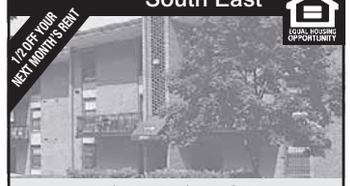

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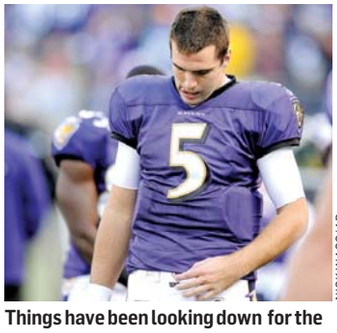
8 P.M. Brandon Roy and the Portland Trailblazers square off against the Cleveland Cavaliers. ESPN

8 P.M. William and Mary battles Villanova in one of the semifinals of the Football Championship Subdivision. ESPN2



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Things have been looking down for the Ravens and Joe Flacco this season.

Saturday

2:30 P.M. In their annual showdown, Army takes on Navy in college football action in Philadelphia. CBS

7 P.M. The Wizards aim to get on track against Danny Granger and the Pacers. CSN

7 P.M. The Capitals face off against the Toronto Maple Leafs. CSN+

8 P.M. The Heisman Trophy will be awarded to the nation's most outstanding college football player. ESPN

Sunday

1 P.M. The Baltimore Ravens hope to keep their fading playoff hopes alive as they host the Detroit Lions. FOX

4:15 P.M. In a battle for premium draft position, the Redskins take on the Oakland Raiders. FOX

8:15 P.M. The Philadelphia Eagles face the New York Giants as both teams jockey for position in the NFC East. NBC

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Trio's improvement can't save the year, but it offers hope

Pro Football

In order to qualify as a tragedy, there has to be a glimmer of hope. A sign that things could be better is that twist that actually makes everything worse.

Realization of that glimmer was present in Jim Zorn's elongated postgame sigh after last weekend's loss to the Saints. The most galling part for Zorn had to be that, as many speculate his time as head coach may be coming to a close, his young offense finally clicked.

"It just feels awful to stand up here and be the losing head coach again," Zorn said after the loss.

Sure, the Saints were beat up, playing a host of subs in the secondary coming off a short week of practice, no less. But the Redskins' offense finally shined Sunday, putting up 455 total yards and their first 30-point performance under Zorn.

"I think the game is starting to slow down a little bit for some of the younger guys who are getting opportunities to play. I think a lot of it is that we do have a mixed up, balanced game."

— **JASON CAMPBELL**, ON WHAT HAS LED TO THE EMERGENCE OF THE REDSKINS' THREE YOUNG PASS-CATCHERS DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON.

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They'll get a chance to repeat that performance Sunday in Oakland (4-8) against a porous Raiders defense.

While Sherman Lewis has taken over the play-calling duties, Zorn put the offensive blueprint in place, stuck with Jason Campbell (367 yards passing against New Orleans) and had the task of figuring out how to get the three young receivers the Redskins drafted in 2008 to produce. It might be a watered-down version of his offense, but it seems they found the right formula through which to execute it.

"I think the game is starting to slow down a little bit for some of the younger guys who are getting opportunities to play," Campbell said. "I think a lot of it is that we do have a mixed up, balanced game."

While one game doesn't make up for two years of sputtering, it does create a question of what some of the young Redskins skill players could do with a few tweaks in personnel around them.

Everyone seemed to be on the same page last weekend. Devin Thomas had a career game, catching seven passes for 100 yards and two touchdowns. Fred Davis had five catches and a score and Malcolm Kelly caught a pass in his fifth-straight game.

It almost seems appropriate in this, the most lost of seasons, that the kids are starting to come around when there's little they can do to change the team's fate.

"It's been a tough two years for me," Thomas said. "You've got to take the positives with the negatives and the positive is that we keep fighting every game despite the injuries and what people say."

ERIC BRANDNER

BAD BETS

A LOUISIANA MAN who bet against the New Orleans Saints has lost his 60-inch TV to a backyard firing squad. Wayne A. Spring told his friends that if the Saints beat the Washington Redskins on Sunday, anyone who wanted could come to his house and shoot his television. When the Saints prevailed, about a dozen gun-toting fans arrived at his home and shot up his TV in the back yard. (AP)

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THE REDSKINS WILL WIN IF ...

1 LaRon Landry doesn't bite on a double move. OK, this may be asking a lot. Yet the safety has been taking too many chances — and it's costing the Redskins wins. After Oakland threw three TD passes in the fourth quarter against the Steelers last week, the Redskins had better watch out. That means Landry needs to live up to all the hype he received playing alongside Sean Taylor.

2 The game doesn't come down to a field goal. Shaun Suisham is gone, but the ghosts of kickers past haunt the Redskins. Only here would a season's worth of angst be heaped upon a player who missed only three field goals — albeit important ones — this year. The team may want to build bigger leads before they are forced to have yet another kicker tryout.

3 Jim Zorn summons his inner Indiana Jones. The coach must feel like a giant ball is chasing him ahead of Sunday's visit to a temple of doom in Oakland. With wins as elusive as the Holy Grail, Zorn must pull a feat worth Jones' death-defying tricks to save his job. If he can't, we may be watching his last crusade.

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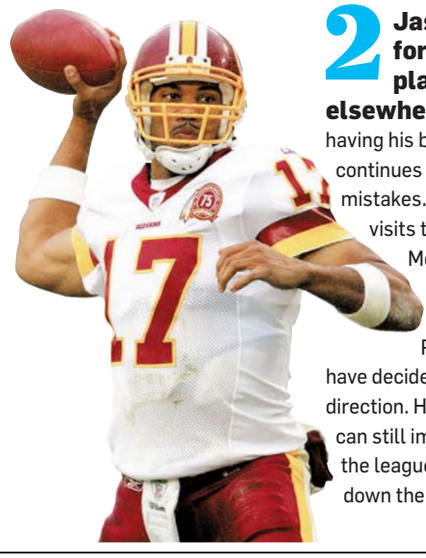
HOW THE REDSKINS COULD WIN OR LOSE THIS WEEK

THE REDSKINS WILL LOSE IF ...

1 They are leading going into the fourth quarter. As counter-intuitive as that may seem, Washington has grasped defeat from the jaws of victory three-straight weeks, and Raiders QB Bruce Gradkowski has engineered comeback wins in two of the past three weeks. Maybe a deficit will loosen Washington up enough to make some plays when it matters.



2 Jason Campbell forgets he is playing for a job elsewhere. The QB is having his best season but continues to make vital mistakes. With reports of visits to watch Texas' Colt McCoy and Notre Dame's Jimmy Clausen, the Redskins probably have decided to go in another direction. However, Campbell can still impress the rest of the league with strong play down the stretch.

3 Albert Haynesworth needs an injury timeout. The defining image of the free-agent acquisition is his huge body crumpled up on the field. Of course, he's returned to play every time. It's safe to say the number of false alarms concerning Haynesworth at least matches the Redskins' loss total this year.

College Tipoffs

ED REINKE/AP

KENTUCKY (4) AT INDIANA

Story Line: Freshman phenom **John Wall** has been sensational in Kentucky's 9-0 start. Indiana may not be what it once was, but Assembly Hall will provide the first hostile road test for the young Wildcats. **(NOON, CBS)**

G'TOWN (13) VS. WASHINGTON (16)

Story Line: Greg Monroe's 15 points and 10 boards a game have the Hoyas out to a 7-0 start. However, to remain undefeated, Georgetown must limit Isaiah Thomas and Quincy Pondexter, both of whom are averaging 20-plus points per game for the Huskies. **(2 P.M., CSN)**

OHIO STATE (15) AT BUTLER (20)

Story Line: Ohio State takes the court for the first time since losing Evan Turner to a broken back. The other Buckeyes will have to fill the void that he left to knock off **Gordon Hayward** and the Butler Bulldogs. **(NOON, ESPN)**

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College Football

All it took was a little shaving cream for Navy quarterback Ricky Dobbs to realize Army week was upon him.

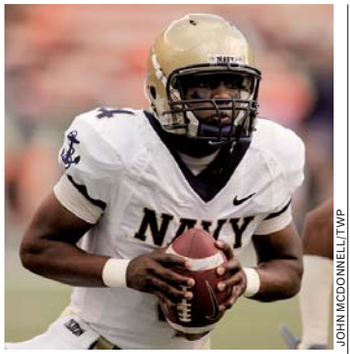
In a tradition at the Annapolis service academy that begins around midnight the Sunday before the annual battle against their archrivals, the younger players on the team pull dorm room pranks on the veterans to begin the build-up to the final game of the regular season.

This year, Dobbs avoided the brunt of the antics, joking that he was lucky because if someone did get his room and he couldn't find out who it was, "then you have to clean the room yourself." But it served as a playful reminder of why, every year, playing Army inspires a whole different set of emotions for the Midshipmen.

"This is the one week the Naval Academy looks like a normal college campus," said Dobbs, a junior. "There's a spirit about the place that you just don't see any other time."

But the 110th edition of Army-Navy has a different feel than the games in recent years. Under new coach Rich Ellerson, the Black Knights have improved from 3-9 in 2008 to 5-6 this year, one win away from earning a spot in the EagleBank Bowl in D.C. later this month.

Dobbs said he's heard some chatter from Army players, essentially guaranteeing a bowl berth.


JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

Ricky Dobbs hopes to lead Navy to its eighth-consecutive win over Army.

So, even though Navy has seven-consecutive wins in this series and last season scored its first shutout victory over Army since 1978, the Midshipmen have found plenty of motivation for a game that is essentially meaningless in the standings. Navy has already accepted a bid to face Missouri in the Texas Bowl on Dec. 31.

"For us, it's still Army," said Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo. "We'd want to beat them if they're 12-0 or 0-12, if we're playing for a BCS bowl game or no bowl game."

MARK GIANNOTTO

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Army and Navy run similar triple-option offenses, so whichever team best stops the run should win. Army's wild card is 6-foot-10 receiver Ali Villanueva, a converted left tackle who has 26 catches and all five of the team's receiving TDs this year. Navy's ace is Dobbs, who has 27 scores. "We've got the same offenses," Dobbs said. "So, it's gonna come down to a battle of wills." (MG)

CLIFF OWN/AP

The Wizards honored Pollin this week.

Wiz's Jerseys To Honor Pollin

Pro Basketball

The Washington Wizards will honor late owner Abe Pollin by wearing a patch on their jerseys for the rest of the season.

The patch features the name "Abe" and will also appear on the court at Verizon Center, the downtown arena built mostly with Pollin's money.

The team planned to debut the patch Thursday night at the Wizards' home game against the Boston Celtics. Pollin died Nov. 24 at age 85. (AP)

Sunday Pick'Em

	Matt Swenson, SPORTS EDITOR, EXPRESS	Clinton Yates, SPORTS EDITOR, EXPRESS	Dan Steinberg, DC SPORTS BOG, THE WASHINGTON POST	Arnie Applebaum, GENERAL MANAGER, EXPRESS
REDSKINS (MINUS 1) AT RAIDERS	**RAIDERS** Oakland is still a hard place to play — ask the Bengals and Steelers.	**RAIDERS** This would be so much better with Norv still in Oakland. Why are the Redskins favored?	**RAIDERS** If they actually played to the level of their competition, the Redskins would tie.	**RAIDERS** Is it possible to have a letdown after losing 3 straight? The Raiders surprise the Redskins.
BENGALS (PLUS 6.5) AT VIKINGS	**VIKINGS** You'd think Brett Favre bounces back from his worst outing of the season.	**BENGALS** Cincy leads the league in scoring defense, and we all know who likes to throw picks.	**VIKINGS** Still like them better than the Saints in the NFC.	**VIKINGS** The Cardinals schooled Favre last week but Minnesota will bounce back.
CHARGERS (PLUS 3) AT COWBOYS	**CHARGERS** If it's December, the Cowboys must be swooning.	**CHARGERS** Let's take a second to think of what happened the last time Romo held kicks.	**CHARGERS** What's that? It's still December? San Diego it is.	**CHARGERS** It's December and the Cowboys are never good in December (or January).
EAGLES (PLUS 1) AT GIANTS	**EAGLES** Battle for first place in the NFC East goes to the better team.	**EAGLES** McNabb has won 10 of his past 14 starts against the Giants, playoffs included.	**GIANTS** This has the feel of one of those late-season Coughlin charges.	**GIANTS** The Eagles have a chance to steal the division, but the Giants are desperate.
BRONCOS (PLUS 7) AT COLTS	**COLTS** Manning can stick to the Patriots by going undefeated and winning the Super Bowl.	**BRONCOS** Have the Colts played a defense as good as the Broncos' this year? In a word, nope.	**COLTS** Of course, I had Florida winning the SEC title game, too.	**COLTS** I'm rooting for two undefeated teams to meet in February.

Season Tally: Matt Swenson: 32-16; Clinton Yates: 30-28; Guests: Angie Goff: 36-22; Dan Steinberg: 26-26; Arnie Applebaum: 11-9

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Big Changes May Await the Wizards

The Washington Wizards' transition game needs a lot of work.

No, we're not referring to how Gilbert Arenas is running the fast break this year.

By Matt Swenson

While that's not much to write home about, the larger concern one quarter of the way through the season is the big picture — as in, could wholesale changes be coming when new ownership takes the reins unless the squad shows it's capable of regaining its playoff form?

Entering Thursday night's game against the Boston Celtics, the Wizards were owners of an unimpressive 7-12 record. This from a franchise that touted its new coach, Flip Saunders, and the return of Arenas and center Brendan Haywood as the linchpins to playing in the postseason.

Washington's pro basketball team will forge a new identity in the wake of Abe Pollin's death.

Adding to the poor play, even backstage bickering has emerged, something never seen under former coach Eddie Jordan.

Normally, patience would be a prudent course during the first year of a new regime. This could be the exception, though, as Washington's pro basketball team will forge a new identity in the wake of owner Abe Pollin's death.

Be it Ted Leonsis or someone else, the face of the organization is more likely to clean house than Pollin, who signed off on team President Ernie Grunfeld's blueprint for success.

And unless there's a speedy turnaround, time could be running out for this particular group of Wizards.

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Reports: Irish Lure Cincinnati's Kelly to Be Coach

College Football

The South Bend Tribune is reporting that Brian Kelly is leaving Cincinnati to become the next coach at Notre Dame.

The Indiana newspaper cited two university sources in its report on its Web site Thursday. ESPN.com also reported the news. Neither school would confirm the hiring.

The 47-year-old Kelly is 34-6 in three seasons at Cincinnati, leading the Bearcats to back-to-back Big East titles and two straight Bowl Championship Series berths. The Bearcats set a school record last season for victories with an 11-3 record, then topped that with a 12-0 mark this season.

Notre Dame has been searching for a coach for about a week and a half since firing Charlie Weis after five seasons.

Kelly is expected to be at a Cincinnati team banquet Thursday night. (AP)

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After going 12-0 at Cincinnati this year, Brian Kelly is headed to Notre Dame.

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Heisman Hopes

This year's race comes down to two old faces, two running backs and a man named Suh

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Mark Ingram ALABAMA

The Crimson Tide's workhorse is seemingly the sexiest of all the candidates, in that he plays for a major conference team that is still undefeated and he scored three TDs in the SEC title game against Florida. A big but: His numbers are nowhere near Gerhart's. For what it's worth, no Alabama player has ever won the Heisman — something that could play into a lot of Southern voters' decisions.

2

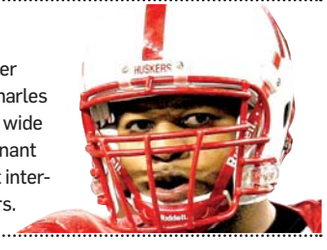
Toby Gerhart STANFORD

Gerhart is first in the nation with 1,736 rushing yards and 26 touchdowns. He averaged 185.5 yards per game. Some voters may take his Stanford academic pedigree into account, too. His 205-yard outing against Notre Dame and a West-Coast voting bloc will help.

3

Ndamukong Suh NEBRASKA

Only one defensive player has ever won the Heisman (cornerback Charles Woodson, who also split time at wide receiver), but the Huskers' dominant lineman could stand out against interchangeable offensive contenders.



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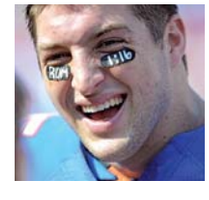
Colt McCoy TEXAS

The 2008 runner-up did everything he could to stay in this year's Heisman race except for nearly blowing the Big 12 Championship with a boneheaded play. He may get votes for an overall top-notch career, but that one play might have lost him the trophy.

5

Tim Tebow FLORIDA

He had an outstanding year, leading the Gators back to the SEC championship game, but his stats this year (2,413 yards, 18 TDs) are not great. He still ranks as one of the best college football players ever.



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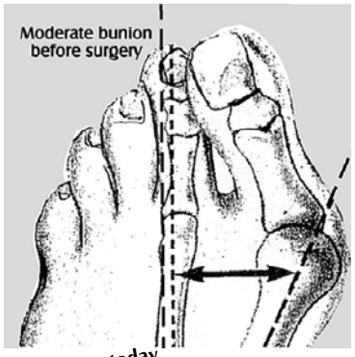

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Mike Huckabee

POLITICIAN, TALKING HEAD, STUFFING SNARFER

Though John McCain beat him out of the Republican presidential nomination last year, former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee hasn't been relaxing in his bathrobe since stepped off the campaign bus. The folksy pol grills newsmakers on his Fox talk show, "Huckabee" (Fri.-Sat., 8 p.m.), and he just penned a holiday memoir, "A Simple Christmas" ($20, Sentinel). We asked him what that means.

When were 8, you received a guitar, which was your favorite gift ever. What's on your list this year?
I'm notorious for going out and getting whatever I want before the holiday. Why would I wait until December when I can get it now? But, really, I don't want anything. I just want to be home with my family and go duck hunting.

That guitar changed your life and made you a musician. How can I give somebody a gift that good?
A memorable gift isn't expensive or elaborate; it's something that has some emotional connection with the recipient. Ask yourself if they'll remember it in 40 years.

You still play guitar, so you must like Christmas carols.
I like the old hymns, which anchor me back to the entirety of my life. And I also like "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" and the kind of novelty songs that "Weird Al" Yankovic does.

You used to unwrap gifts and rewrap them so your parents didn't know you'd peeked. How'd you keep your own kids from doing that?
I thought I was so good, but my folks finally busted me. So, when I became a parent, I was careful to hide my kids' presents.

You lost over a 100 pounds a few years back. How do you keep them off during the holidays ?
I try not to eat a whole lot between Thanksgiving and New Year's. I enjoy Christmas foods, but it's not so much the quantity I eat; it's their presence that I find comforting. I know there will always be turkey and ambrosia [a Southern salad that usually includes marshmallow and oranges], just like last year.

> **"I enjoy Christmas foods, but it's not so much the quantity I eat; it's their presence I find comforting."**

You must like some holiday dish.
Well, that'd be dressing. I can get turkey pretty regularly, but for some reason, you can only get stuffing during the holidays.

If you bag any ducks, how will you cook them?
Wild duck you have to tame down a little. I'll stuff them with cream cheese and jalapenos, then wrap them in bacon and throw them on the grill.

Holidays often mean family members with differing political views get together. Any secrets to keeping the peace on Earth?
Don't ask, "Who did you vote for last year?" Instead, concentrate on memories, like, "Remember when Uncle Junior wore that goofy hat?" Our family sometimes shows old home movies. I just hope no one ever puts them up on YouTube.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | A Gift-Grabbing Bull's-Eye

Target's To-Go — a yuletide pop-up shop — jingles into Georgetown Fri.-Sun., 10 a.m.-8 p.m., bringing pre-wrapped presents from electronics and beauty products to toys. For the fashionista on your list, there'll be a few items from the big red big-box's Rodarte line, not available in stores or online until Dec. 20. M St. and Wisconsin Ave. NW.

goods lookout

1 Sticky Business

THE TIME BETWEEN mega-sugar benders just got a lot shorter. Peeps, not just for Easter anymore, star at the world's first store dedicated to the cutesy marshmallow treats at National Harbor (150 National Plaza, National Harbor, Md.; 301-749-5791). Expect hordes of trad bunnies and chicks plus T-shirts, plush toys and holiday puffs shaped like snowmen and reindeer (shown, $1.60 for six). Their seasonal cleverness should make up for the long winter's stomachache an overdose will cause.

Grab Bag

2 Dapper Wrapper

LOCAL STYLE WHIZ Mauro Farinelli stocks his Clarendon shop with beyond-hip menswear labels (Rag & Bone, A.P.C., Fred Perry) not easily found in the area. The latest brand to join the natty racks: Wolf vs. Goat, Farinelli's own line of gentlemanly dress shirts, work pants and slim-tailored pea coats (shown, $565). Check out the store's whole snappy assortment Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., when Brit designer Andrew Buckler will be on hand for a trunk show (Farinelli's, 2839 N. Clarendon Blvd., Arlington; 703-647-9856).

3 Deck Your Neck

THE HOLIDAY SWEATER has rightfully become the object of party-theme ridicule (although we're happy to finally get some use out of the cats-in-mittens cardigan Grandma sent a few years back). Show your yuletide spirit — in a cool way — with Tommy Hilfiger's cheeky-chic "Fa la la" cashmere scarf ($98) and mittens ($48, Tommy Hilfiger, 3229 M St. NW; 202-33-9311). Or perhaps send the set to Mom, urging her to keep the bell-bedecked snowman vest in storage this year.

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4 (Don't deny it; we've seen your big thumbprints). Now, dudes get their own dermis booster: Kiehl's Facial Fuel ($18.50, Kiehl's, 3110 M St. NW; 202-333-5101), a caffeine-powered eye stick meant to combat wrinkles and dark circles. This means the only thing we're fighting over now is the mirror.

5 No-Guilt Group

PARTY SEASON CAUSES criminal spending on fete wear. (Yes, officer, we admit to blowing $200 on a sequined top; past misdeeds include a '90s sweater with red fur trim.) But a branch of resale (and well-priced new) women's clothing den Current just opened in Alexandria (1009 King St.; 703-549-2272), meaning a girl can look nice with no financial naughtiness. Celebration-ready pieces range from a purple velvet jacket by Pink Tartan ($75) to a quilted clutch ($22, shown).

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

My husband fancies himself an outdoorsman. He did plenty of hiking and hunting when he was younger, but these days he just rakes leaves. What holiday gift would flatter him? — CLAIRE

Manolo says, it is true that, in his youth, your man occasionally marched into the great American wilderness with nothing more than the pocket can opener and the bag of pork rinds, emerging one week later covered with poison ivy, mutant mosquito bites and enough outdoorsy credibility

to last months before the whole odious process had to be repeated.

However, once most men enter the age of the middle, such arduous expeditions no longer seem perhaps so pleasant, especially if, like the Manolo, one gets winded walking to the corner for the cappuccino. Sedentary activities replace the uncertain pleasures of camping in primitive settings.

Still, one needs to look sufficiently rugged and manly without falling over the line into lumberjackery. This is why the Manolo loves Australia's outdoor boot, the Blundstone BL500 ($150, Zappos.com). It is macho, no?

@ Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

About the Cover

Jackie wears a Yoana Baraschi dress ($308, Ginger, 7114 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda; 301-664-9242) with earrings ($34) and a cocktail ring ($38, both Lettie Gooch, 1517 U St. NW; 202-332-4242). Model: T.H.E. Artist Agency. Hair/make-up: Victoria Stiles, T.H.E.

Grab Bag goods gathered and reviewed by Jennifer Barger and Betsy Lowther. For other food, fashion, beauty and home finds, visit expressnightout.com/grabbag

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SHORT & SWEET

FLASH GLAM STYLE — AND YOUR LEGS — IN ABBREVIATED PARTY FROCKS AND SHINY-AS-A-SILVER-BELL ACCESSORIES

We're all for eggnog, caroling and endless repeats of "Love Actually" (Colin Firth and his adorably awkward Portuguese makes us teary every time). But the best part of the holiday season: the chance to chuck the same-old nighttime staples and slip into something a little more wonderful. A year-end bonus: This season's short, celebration-worthy dresses show off festive colors and feminine details such as fringe and studs. Paired with shimmery accessories — chunky rings, Cleopatra-esque collar necklaces — they're all dazzling reasons to shelve the jeans, at least till Jan. 2. BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)

Night Stars

(1) Rocks On The cluster of giant crystals on J.Crew's black supernova ring ($58, J.Crew, 3222 M St. NW; 202-965-4090) comes across as bold but not Paris Hilton blingy. **(2) The Big Bloom** Sondra Roberts' silk flower clutch comes in black, purple and — our favorite — shocking pink ($130, Hysteria, 125 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria; 703-548-1615). **(3) Gem Dandy** Roberta Freymann's stone-encrusted bib necklace helps top off V-neck or strapless cocktail frocks ($288, Sassanova, 7134 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda; 301-654-7403). **(4) Fine Flower** Reach for a single oversized ring — such as this sparkly blossom ($38, Lettie Gooch, 1517 U St. NW; 202-332-4242) — for a bloom of affordable glitz.

Fringe Benefits

Give a nod to the 1920s in Max and Cleo's flapper-ish LBD ($132, Urban Chic, 1626 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5398), a sparkly headband ($70, Daisy Too, 4940 St. Elmo St., Bethesda; 301-656-8550) and Betsey Johnson heels ($165, Zelaya, 4940 St. Elmo Ave., Bethesda; 301-656-8550).

fashion lookout

(1) Violet Femme Balance Eva Franco's tiered sugarplum dress ($278, Lettie Gooch) with strings of mod pearls ($24.50 each, Express, Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-338-6626), snowball-size faux pearl studs ($10, Lou Lou, 1601 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-0027) and Betsey Johnson satin peep-toes ($165, Zelaya).

(2) Rosy Chic A dress as bright at Rudolph's nose ($40, Target stores) glows with a jewel-laden bib necklace ($42) and sparkly drop earrings ($78, Sassanova). **(3) Out of This World** Mix Leifsdottir's galaxy-print dress ($398, Hysteria) with a wrist full of shiny bangles (seven for $32, Sassanova), pearl-dotted teardrop earrings ($75, Ginger, 7114 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda; 301-664-9242) and satin Luichiny heels ($85, Zelaya). **(4) Tough Love** The slightly punky studded neckline of Prairie New York's sleek frock ($258, Daisy Too) rocks a New Year's dance floor when trimmed with heavy hardware, such as a spike-laden bracelet ($36, Sassanova) and gem-heavy cocktail ring ($38, Lettie Gooch), plus Betsey Johnson heels ($165, Zelaya).

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The Reelist

DISNEY ENTERPRISES

A Real Princess

Watching "The Princess and the Frog," I could almost feel the writers ticking off boxes as they attempted to rework the princess myth — and, in turn, Disney's role in creating the Princess Industrial Complex. The setting moves from Vaguely European Country to New Orleans. Mom is very much alive, escaping the mystery illness that fells most fairy tale mothers. Heroine Tiana wants a career.

By Kristen Page-Kirby

At times, it feels that the film's creators are trying too hard to move away from the concept that's been paying the mortgage since Snow White woke up (and particularly since Ariel swam into view). But there's one moment where the film turns to the parents and says "We wrote the stories. But you bought the dresses, the hats and the wands." "Princess" opens with Tiana and her wealthy friend Charlotte listening to Tiana's mother read "The Frog Prince." (Ohhh, meta!) Tiana wears a plain dress and a play crown; Charlotte is in full princess garb. Later, we find that Charlotte's dad buys her closets' worth of dresses fit for royalty.

Tiana hears the same stories, but the imaginary doesn't dominate her life — her parents don't allow it, so Tiana grows up with a sense that her own worth is more than who she marries. "Princess" just may be Disney's most thoughtful princess film to date, because it not only creates a new world — it takes a look at the real one young girls inhabit.

@ Comments? Give Kristen your feedback: **expressnightout.com/thereelist**

WARNER BROS.

Matt Damon, center, plays Francois Pienaar, captain of the South African rugby team the Springboks. The team won the World Cup in 1995, which proved a unifying event.

Cinematic Dream Team

Eastwood, Freeman and Damon work in harmony to make 'Invictus' a winner

Film

If 2009 had a most valuable player award for the movies, it would have to go to Matt Damon. Whether he's appearing in "The Informant!," a Sarah Silverman Web parody or Clint Eastwood's stirring post-apartheid drama, "Invictus," he has been consistently spot-on and almost breathtakingly self-effacing. He has become that most unlikely Hollywood rarity: a character actor with a matinee-idol face.

In "Invictus," Damon plays Francois Pienaar, the captain of the South African rugby team the Springboks, which won the World Cup in 1995. The movie tells the story of that unlikely and politically crucial victory, which as much as anything was the result of the gentle coaxing and adamantine moral suasion of the country's new president, Nelson Mandela.

Morgan Freeman doesn't play Mandela as much as inhabit the man, in a performance that seems to embody the very transcendence that Mandela himself has come to stand for. Freeman captures with perfect pitch the inner workings of a man who, put in charge of a country still ravaged by the still-fresh violence and injustices of apartheid, sees an opportunity for healing in the rites and rituals of sport. His job is to forge within the black community a sense of identification with a mostly white team that for years has represented oppression.

Eastwood adopts a flat, uninflected style for "Invictus," wisely letting this remarkable story tell itself with a minimum of flourish or underlining. The result is a thoroughly absorbing, inspiring movie that, like last year's "Milk," features one of the year's most galvanizing performances. Freeman doesn't merely impersonate Mandela as much as personify not just political genius but an almost superhuman suppleness of character. Rugby is exciting, sure, but there's nothing more thrilling than radical forgiveness in action.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Destiny

The Chosen One

In a recent interview with syndicated columnist Kam Williams, Morgan Freeman revealed that he was fated to play Nelson Mandela. When asked whether this was a role he had wanted for a long time, the seasoned actor replied: "Well, it wasn't necessarily this project, but I felt destined to do something about Mandela. I don't know whether you know that in 1992, when he published his autobiography, he was asked who he would want to play him, if the book ever became a movie. And he named me. So, I was sort of the chosen one, as it were. Therefore, I expected that, eventually, I would play him." (EXPRESS)

Invictus

- **Director:** Clint Eastwood
- **Stars:** Matt Damon, Morgan Freeman
- **In a Nutshell:** Seeking national unity, Nelson Mandela enlists the South African rugby team to win the World Cup.
- **For Fans of:** "Million Dollar Baby," "Tsotsi," "Ali"

online now **expressnightout.com** ▸▸ 'Invictus' features the latest in a long line of inspirational Morgan Freeman roles. We recap his highlights ▸▸ Sheamus, the WWE's Celtic warrior, talks Irish stereotypes and revs up about his title match on Sunday ▸▸ Get more local events on our Twitter feed: Twitter.com/expressnightout

The Progressive Fairy Tale

'The Princess and the Frog' is Disney magic with a modern twist

Film

Few movies have been greeted with as much anticipation — and outright apprehension — as "The Princess and the Frog," Disney's first animated movie to feature an African-American princess. You can exhale now: "The Princess and the Frog" is a triumph on every one of the myriad levels it has been asked to succeed on.

Anika Noni Rose ("Dreamgirls," "The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency") gives mellifluous spoken and musical voice to Tiana, who works as a waitress in 1920s New Orleans and dreams of opening her own restaurant. When the handsome Prince Naveen (Bruno Campos) arrives in town, at first it looks like he'll be married off to Charlotte (Jennifer Cody), a spoiled Southern belle whose family employed Tiana's seamstress mother. But when villainous voodoo doctor Facilier (Keith David) intervenes, everyone's plans go awry, with both Tiana and Prince Naveen winding up as frogs lost in the Louisiana bayou.

DISNEY ENTERPRISES

"Princess'" Tiana doesn't wish upon a star to get what she wants — she works for it.

With a lilting, catchy score written by the venerable Randy Newman and hand-drawn animation that evokes the most cherished Disney classics, "The Princess and the Frog" effortlessly takes its place in one of cinema's most-revered canons, managing to be groundbreaking and utterly familiar at the same time. The film's setting in New Orleans, with its African, European, Caribbean and American Indian influences, allows for a gratifyingly diverse mix of ethnicities and hues among its characters, which also include a Cajun firefly named Ray and a trumpet-playing alligator named Louis.

Most important, Tiana turns out to be not just pretty but competent and self-sufficient, embodying the principle that wishing upon a star might help you express your dreams, but hard work, character and perseverance make them come true.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Casting Call

Stage to Screen

Meet Will Schuester's new rival. Broadway star **Idina Menzel** is in negotiations to join the Fox series "Glee" as a recurring character. Menzel, who is expected to appear in all of the remaining nine episodes of the season, would play the coach of glee club Vocal Adrenaline, the McKinley High glee club's main competition. Menzel had said she is a big fan of "Glee" and its young star Lea Michele, also a Broadway pro. Menzel won a Tony for her role on "Wicked." (AP)

Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

Happy anniversary to **LOVE**, the most mega of D.C. mega dance clubs; its luster is going strong after eight years. There's been a name change (Remember when it was Dream?), celebrity visitors from Bill Clinton to Jay-Z, Gilbert Arenas's over-the-top birthday party and more appearances by P. Diddy than we can count. If you stop by to celebrate another successful year tonight at its Anniversary Party, you'll get free admission (with a pass from Lovetheclub.com), and an open bar on Belvedere vodka from 10 to 11 p.m. The party's hosted by Amber Rose — the model, video mannequin, fashion plate and former exotic dancer who's best known as Kanye West's girlfriend.

Over the years, Kicks has been one of the most reliable dance parties around — your monthly melting pot of power-pop, punk, post-punk, girl groups, David Bowie, '60s soul, glam rock, '90s alternative and whatever else DJs Kim and Sara feel like throwing on. The **BLACK CAT**'s backstage sticks in fourth gear as dancers jump up and down and shout along to the Shangri-Las and Jesus and Mary Chain. And then "Another Girl, Another Planet" and "Rebel Rebel" come on. Truly spectacular. And it's always free. Hit the Kicks MySpace page to listen to podcasts and sample playlists.

SATURDAY

With Christmas on the horizon, you may find yourself doing things you might not normally do. Smiling at strangers. Humming "All I Want for Christmas Is You." Deciding it would be a good idea to dress up as Santa Claus (or Blitzen) when you head out to the bar for the evening. For the past 10 years, the Santa Stumble has been a goofy Georgetown tradition: festively dressed Santas, Mrs. Clauses, reindeer, elves, Grinches and other characters wander from bar to bar, spreading good cheer and making kids smile. (Costumes are required, but they can depart from the traditional: think pimp Santa, naughty elf, or, as we saw one year, Santa in Kiss-style face paint.) The party begins at **THIRD EDITION** at 4 p.m. At 7, the crew wanders over to **RHINO BAR**, caroling and waving along the way. At 10, revelers depart for the **GUARDS**. Donations are accepted for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, which supports families in those service branches around the world.

MICHEL DU CILLE/TWP

Dress up in your finest holiday costume and join this Saturday's Santa Stumble.

D.C. is buzzing excitedly about Nas and Damian Marley anchoring a panel discussion at National Geographic on the historical and stylistic connections between hip-hop and reggae. Unfortunately for some, the discussion is already sold out. However, you can still get tickets to the after-party at **ZANZIBAR**, which promises appearances by Rakim, Red Alert, DJ Kool Herc, dub producer King Jammy and dancehall legend Daddy U-Roy — an assembly of artists without whom the hip-hop and reggae history books couldn't be written.

THE PUG is giving you two chances to stop by and enjoy an open bar happy hour while raising money for veterans recuperating at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. From 3 to 5 p.m. and then again from 8 to 10 p.m., if you donate $20 to the Yellow Ribbon Fund, you'll get unlimited draft beer, plus other specials. D.C. United, the Nationals and others are donating raffle items, too.

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THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13, 126 minutes) There's been something off-putting about the ad campaign for this drama about a white woman who adopts a black high school student, such as posters featuring the patronizing image of Sandra Bullock gently leading her looming, gentle giant of a son down a football field. It turns out the film is much better than its ads, largely because it's based on the true story of Michael Oher and Leigh Anne Tuohy. Grounded in the direct, disarming truth of their experience, the movie has a straightforward lack of cheap sentiment. **(AH)**

BROTHERS (R, 110 minutes) In 2007, Capt. Sam Cahill (Tobey Maguire) leaves behind his beautiful wife, Grace (Natalie Portman), and two adorable daughters (Bailee Madison and Taylor Geare) to fight the Taliban. Early in the film, Sam's helicopter is shot down in the mountains, and he's presumed dead, leaving Grace and the girls to seek solace with Sam's younger brother Tommy (Jake Gyllenhaal), an ice-blue-eyed charmer who's fresh out of prison for bank robbery, but who redeems himself with his sister-in-law. Meanwhile, back in Afghanistan, Sam isn't actually dead, just being tortured in a remote Taliban outpost. When he's finally rescued and returns home months later, a gaunt, catatonic version of his former self, it's to a family he no longer

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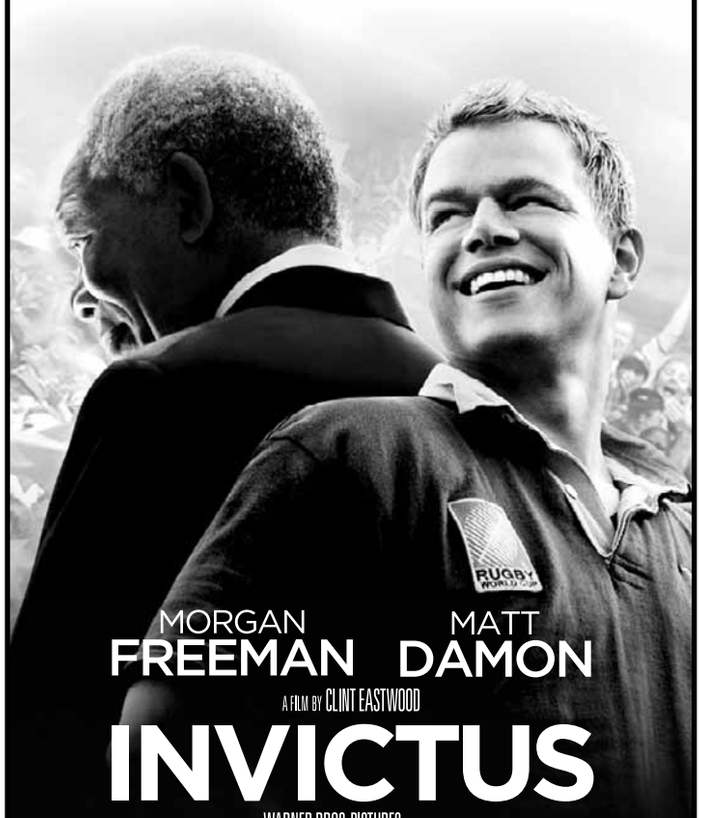

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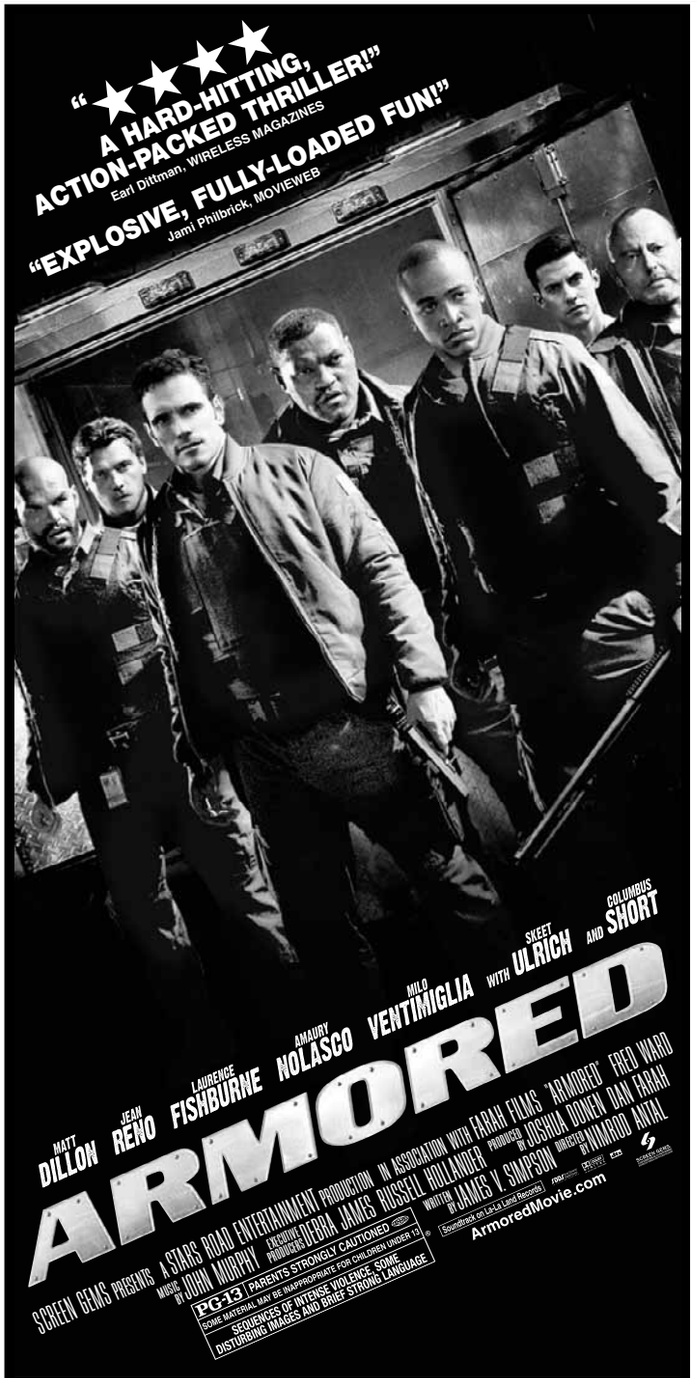

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George Clooney and Vera Farmiga get to know each other in "Up in the Air."

recognizes. It's depressing as hell. But it's good and wise, and it feels true. Meaning, it hurts. **(MO)**

EVERYBODY'S FINE (PG-13, 95 minutes) This wistful, gently moving family drama stars Robert De Niro as Frank, a retired telephone company employee and widower, who as the movie opens is eagerly preparing for a reunion with his grown children at Thanksgiving. Within the first few minutes, it's clear that it's going to be a heartbreaker: The first clue is the dignified befuddlement with which Frank asks a clueless supermarket clerk to recommend an expensive wine. When Frank's high-achieving kids fail to show, he decides to visit them, embarking on a cross-country journey of often brutal self-discovery. Kate Beckinsale, Sam Rockwell and Drew Barrymore deliver fine performances as Frank's busily self-involved children, but it's De Niro's picture through and through. **(AH)**

FANTASTIC MR. FOX (PG, 87 minutes) Wes Anderson's stop-motion animated adaptation of the Roald Dahl children's book features the voice of George Clooney as the title character, who as the movie opens is stealing squabs. Two years later, he's living in cozy domesticity with Mrs. Fox (voiced by Meryl Streep). He then suffers something of a midlife crisis that threatens his entire community, taking his family and neighbors with him on an "Ocean's Eleven"-type spree. But for the most part, the film ambles along with a genteel, understated sense of whimsy and warmth. **(AH)**

NEW MOON (PG-13, 119 minutes) The second film adaptation of author Stephenie Meyer's wildly popular supernatural romance series continues the impossible love story between teenager Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) and Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), a vampire in the body of a preternaturally pale Ralph Lauren model, almost 100 years her senior. It's bad enough that Edward can't decide whether he wants to kill her or kiss her, but when his adoptive brother Jasper (Jackson Rathbone) almost eats Bella after she suffers a paper cut at her 18th birthday party, Edward decides that the best thing for the woman he loves is to leave her. Enter Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner). **(MO)**

UP IN THE AIR (R, 109 minutes) There are fewer things more sublime than George Clooney in his comfort zone — think "Michael Clayton" — and when it happens, the best advice is to sit back, relax and enjoy the flight. In this case, literally: Clooney plays Ryan Bingham, a corporate downsizer who spends most of his life in airplanes and likes it that way. Director Jason Reitman has adapted Walter Kirn's novel basically by throwing it out, keeping Bingham's character and inventing two more, a sexy fellow road warrior named Alex (Vera Farmiga) and a young whippersnapper named Natalie (Anna Kendrick), whose ideas about teleconferencing may do unto Ryan what he's been doing unto others all these years. It is a smart, alert, supremely entertaining movie, in which Reitman toggles between comedy and drama, satire and soul with the aplomb of hero pilot Chesley Sullenberger. **(AH)**

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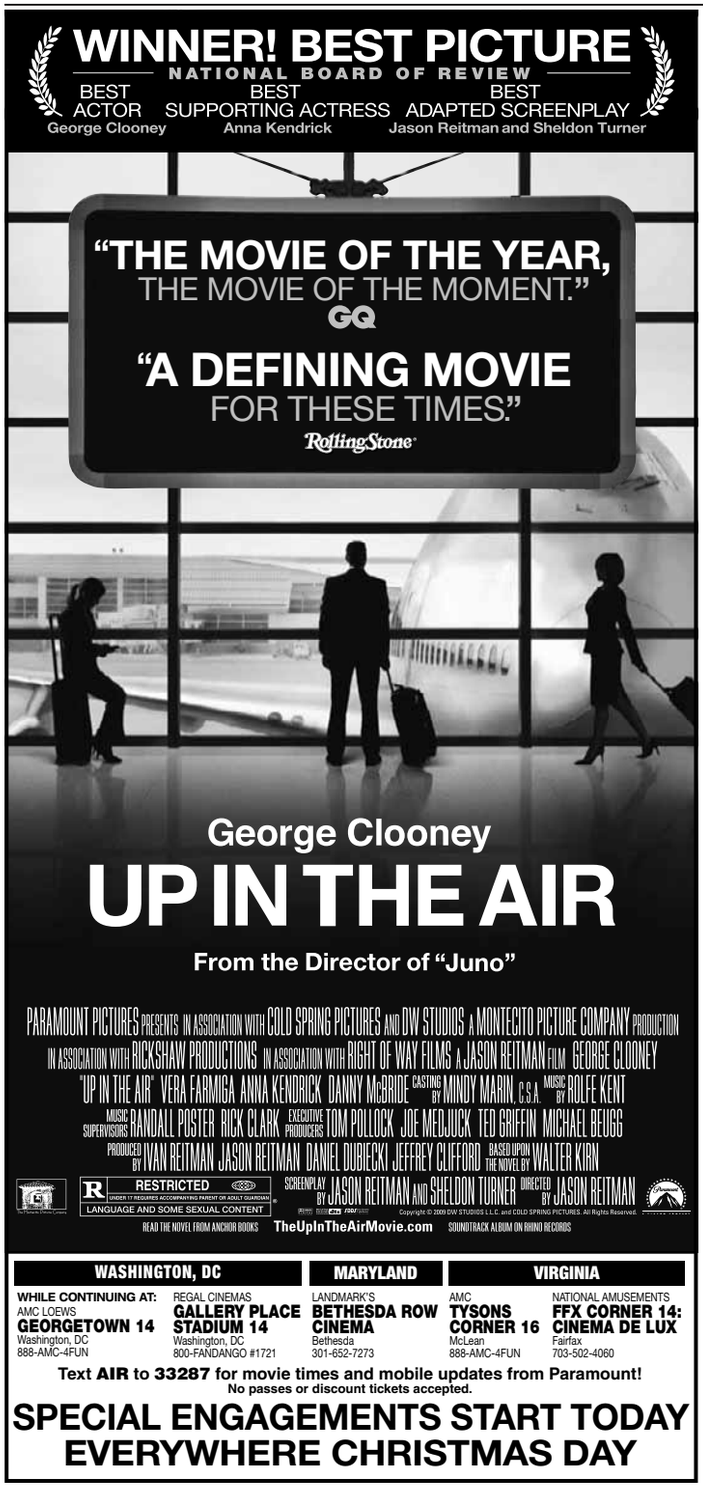

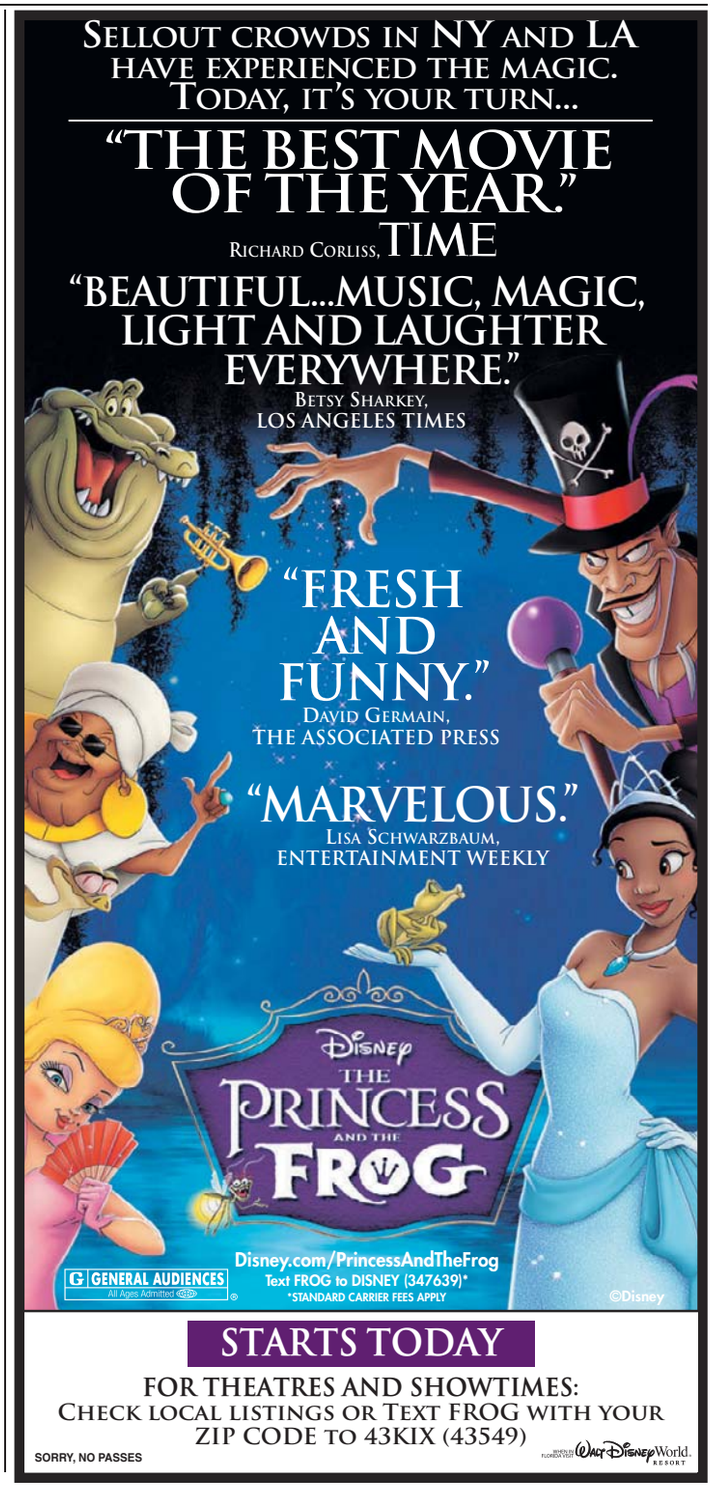

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Susan Boyle frolics in her celebrity on 'I Dreamed a Dream'

Profile

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A rather unlikely celebrity, Susan Boyle was discovered on "Britain's Got Talent."

SUN. 8:00

Any glance back at the pop culture of 2009 must include singer Susan Boyle. If the story of her overnight rise to international fame were part of a movie, you wouldn't believe it. And that's what made the YouTube clip of her talent show breakthrough all the more emotional.

Piers Morgan and Simon Cowell, the eye-rolling, skeptical judges from "Britain's Got Talent," join the singer on "I Dreamed a Dream: The Susan Boyle Story" (8 p.m. and 9 p.m., Sunday, the TV Guide Network). The special offers a recap of her story to date and a chance to hear Boyle perform a few numbers from her new CD, including "Cry Me a River," the Rolling Stones song "Wild Horses" and a very special performance of "I Dreamed a Dream," with the London West End cast of "Les Miserables." **KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)**

Best Bets

CW 8:00

Smallville (FRI.) Zod and his troops release an airborne virus that turns humans into zombies, and only an antidote made from the blood of another Kryptonian can stop it. After Lois becomes infected, Chloe begs Clark to donate his blood, but that move might expose his real identity to his nemesis.

CBS 9:00

Medium (FRI.) Allison and her family try to cope with the outcome of her brain surgery. Meanwhile, a local TV station owner asks Scanlon and Devalos to investigate the possible stalking of his wife.

ABC 8:00

The Polar Express (SAT.) An animated movie unlike any other, director Robert Zemeckis' interpretation of Chris Van Allsburg's holiday story features Tom Hanks in multiple roles through a technique called "motion capture," which creates a pseudo-real look.

CBS 8:00

The Mentalist (SUN.) Patrick plays suspects against each other as he tries to find the killer of a CEO, found dead while he was under investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ABC 10:00

Christmas at the White House: An Oprah Prime-Time Special (SUN.) The Emmy winner hosts a holiday special with the first family and tours the White House. **(TRIBUNE MEDIA)**

Hot Topic

A Family Affair

In the new four-part limited series "The Jacksons: A Family Dynasty" (9 p.m., A&E, Sun.), siblings Jackie, Jermaine, Tito (shown) and Marlon Jackson give guarded, rather depressing interviews. The remaining members of the Jackson 5 must put their plans for a reunion tour and 40th anniversary album on hold due to the death of their brother Michael. The program also follows the brothers in rehearsal for their upcoming concerts and some new recording sessions. **(TRIBUNE MEDIA)**

Compiled by Fiona Zublin and Sarah Mimms. For more upcoming events, follow the Top Stops blog at expressnightout.com/topstops.

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1 A Little Too Much Eggnog

He's making a list, checking it twice and then downing a few brewskis when Santarchy hits D.C. on Saturday. Slip on your best Santa costume, head down to the Mall at noon and get ready to cruise the town, stopping at neighborhood bars, belting out carols and, of course, handing out gifts — nice ones for kids and naughty ones for adults. S.M. *National Mall, Sat., 12 p.m., free; Santarchydc.com. (Smithsonian)*

2 The Swedish Thing

St. Lucia's Day is a big religious holiday in Scandinavia. So, it's no surprise that the House of Sweden will celebrate it with an enormous party. Enjoy the open bar, music, desserts, Santa Lucia procession and a chance to wear that amazing white cocktail dress you've been saving. F.Z. *House of Sweden, 2900 K St. NW; Sat., 8 p.m. for VIP or 9 p.m. for regular tickets, $40-$55; 202-536-1500, Houseofsweden.com. (Foggy Bottom)*

3 Festive Films

The holiday season is in full swing, and why not just get all your holiday movie-watching out of the way in one marathon day? Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse's Christmas Movie Festival includes nostalgic bites such as "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and more modern fare such as "Elf." F.Z. *Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington; Sun., 11:45 a.m.-10:45 p.m., $8; 703-486-2345, Arlingtondrafthouse.com.*

local movie times

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Washington DC

Landmark Theatres

Landmark's E-Street Cinema — www.landmarktheatres.com

AN EDUCATION (PG–13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
PIRATE RADIO (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
RED CLIFF (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15
35 SHOTS OF RUM (NR) 1:30, 4:15, 7:50, 10:00
A SERIOUS MAN (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35
BAD LIEUTENANT: PORT OF CALL NEW ORLEANS (R) 4:20, 9:30, 11:55
THE MESSENGER (R) 1:45, 7:05
THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (R) 12:00 Midnight
ME AND ORSON WELLES (PG–13) 2:00, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45, 11:55
WE LIVE IN PUBLIC (NR) 1:15, 3:30, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50

American Film Institute

American Film Institute — www.afi.com/silver

Call theatre for show information

The Avalon Theatre

The Avalon Theatre — www.theavalon.org

INVICTUS (PG–13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 8:15
THE BLIND SIDE (PG–13) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45

AMC Theaters

AMC Loews Uptown — www.amctheatres.com

Call theatre for show information

AMC Theaters

AMC Mazza Gallerie — www.amctheatres.com

THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
LARGER THAN LIFE IN 3D: DAVE MATTHEWS BAND (PG) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45 IN DIGITAL 3-D
EVERYBODY'S FINE (PG–13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
OLD DOGS (PG) 2:30 P.M.
NINJA ASSASSIN (R) 8:10, 10:35
PLANET 51 (PG) 12:45, 3:10, 5:45
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG–13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
THE BLIND SIDE (PG–13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 10:10
2012 (PG–13) 1:10, 4:45, 8:20

AMC Theaters

AMC Loews Georgetown — www.amctheatres.com

AMC Select
UP IN THE AIR (R) 10:50, 11:50, 1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:45, 12:30
THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 9:55, 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10, 12:30
INVICTUS (PG–13) 10:25, 1:25, 4:35, 7:45, 10:55
THE SLAMMIN' SALMON (R) 10:15, 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 7:50, 10:15, 12:35
LARGER THAN LIFE IN 3D: DAVE MATTHEWS BAND (PG) 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45, 12:00 IN DIGITAL 3-D
ARMORED (PG–13) 9:50, 12:05, 2:25, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35, 12:05
9:50, 12:05, 2:25, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35, 12:05
BROTHERS (R) 11:20, 2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20
EVERYBODY'S FINE (PG–13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:25, 8:05, 10:35
FANTASTIC MR. FOX (PG) 10:00, 12:25, 2:45, 5:00, 7:25
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG–13) 9:45, 12:55, 4:00, 7:05, 10:05 AMC Select
PRECIOUS: BASED ON THE NOVEL ``PUSH" BY SAPPHIRE (R) 12:00, 2:35, 5:20, 7:55, 10:40
THE BLIND SIDE (PG–13) 11:15, 2:10, 5:05, 8:10, 11:10
2012 (PG–13) 1:00, 4:30, 10:50

Regal Cinemas

Regal Gallery Place Stadium — www.regmovies.com

AVATAR (PG–13)
IT'S COMPLICATED (R)
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG)
INVICTUS (PG–13) 12:45, 4:00, 7:30, 10:25
THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20, 11:40
ARMORED (PG–13) 12:10
EVERYBODY'S FINE (PG–13) 9:40, 12:00
UP IN THE AIR (R) 11:40, 12:40, 2:20, 3:20, 5:00, 6:30, 7:45, 9:20, 10:20, 12:10
ARMORED (PG–13) 2:30, 5:05, 7:20, 10:00, 12:15
BROTHERS (R) 12:45, 3:45, 7:05, 9:50, 12:25
NINJA ASSASSIN (R) 12:20, 3:00, 5:40, 8:20, 10:45
THE ROAD (R) 11:35, 2:15, 5:10, 8:00, 10:35
THE BLIND SIDE (PG–13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:50, 10:40
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG–13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:40, 10:30
FANTASTIC MR. FOX (PG) 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:35, 10:10, 12:20
2012 (PG–13) 12:00, 3:25, 6:50, 10:15
PRECIOUS: BASED ON THE NOVEL ``PUSH" BY SAPPHIRE (R) 11:50, 2:40, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45
DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL 3D (PG) 11:45, 2:10, 4:45, 7:15

Virginia

Old Town Theatre

Alexandria — www.oldtowntheatre.com

Call theatre for show information

Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse

Arlington — www.arlingtondrafthouse.com

THE HANGOVER (R) 9:50 P.M.

Regal Potomac Yards

Alexandria — www.regmovies.com

AVATAR (PG–13)
IT'S COMPLICATED (R)
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG)
INVICTUS (PG–13) 12:10, 1:10, 3:20, 4:20, 6:30, 7:30, 9:35, 10:35, 12:05
THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 11:25, 1:00, 2:00, 3:35, 4:35, 6:10, 7:10, 8:45, 9:45, 11:20
ARMORED (PG–13) 11:35
2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:25, 11:50
EVERYBODY'S FINE (PG–13) 1:55, 4:25, 7:05, 9:50
BROTHERS (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:45, 10:45
NINJA ASSASSIN (R) 11:45, 2:25, 5:10, 8:00, 10:40
OLD DOGS (PG) 7:50, 10:10
THE BLIND SIDE (PG–13) 12:35, 1:35, 3:40, 4:40, 6:55, 7:55, 10:00, 11:00
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG–13) 1:05, 4:10, 7:20, 10:25, 11:10
PLANET 51 (PG) 12:40, 3:00, 5:25
FANTASTIC MR. FOX (PG) 1:25, 3:50, 6:20, 8:45
2012 (PG–13) 12:25, 4:00, 7:40, 11:10
PRECIOUS: BASED ON THE NOVEL ``PUSH" BY SAPPHIRE (R) 11:50, 2:35, 5:20, 8:05, 10:50
DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL 3D (PG) 1:30, 4:05, 6:40, 9:15

Regal Kingstowne Stadium

Alexandria — www.regmovies.com

AVATAR (PG–13)
IT'S COMPLICATED (R)
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG)
THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
INVICTUS (PG–13) 12:40, 3:50, 7:00, 10:00
BROTHERS (R) 12:50, 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
THE BLIND SIDE (PG–13) 12:10, 3:20, 6:30, 9:40
EVERYBODY'S FINE (PG–13) 1:20, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20
ARMORED (PG–13) 12:00, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:40
NINJA ASSASSIN (R) 5:40, 8:10, 10:50
OLD DOGS (PG) 11:50, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG–13) 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30
PLANET 51 (PG) 1:00, 6:40 THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG–13) 3:30, 9:10
FANTASTIC MR. FOX (PG) 11:40, 3:00
2012 (PG–13) 12:30, 4:30, 8:20
PRECIOUS: BASED ON THE NOVEL ``PUSH" BY SAPPHIRE (R) 12:20, 3:40, 6:20, 9:00
DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL 3D (PG) 11:40, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10

Regal Ballston Common Stadium

Arlington — www.regmovies.com

AVATAR (PG–13)
THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 1:20, 2:20, 3:50, 4:50, 6:20, 7:20, 8:50, 9:50
ARMORED (PG–13) 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:35
BROTHERS (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
NINJA ASSASSIN (R) 2:30, 5:10, 8:00, 10:35
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG–13) 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:40
3:20, 6:30, 9:40
FANTASTIC MR. FOX (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
PIRATE RADIO (R) 1:00, 6:50
2012 (PG–13) 2:40, 6:25, 10:00
DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL 3D (PG) 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10
AN EDUCATION (PG–13) 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
COUPLES RETREAT (PG–13) 4:00, 9:45

AMC Theatres Hoffman Center

Alexandria — www.amctheatres.com

THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 10:25, 11:25, 12:25, 1:05, 2:05, 3:00, 3:50, 4:55, 5:50, 6:30, 7:45, 9:20, 10:25, 11:10, 12:00
INVICTUS (PG–13) 10:00, 11:20, 1:25, 2:50, 4:50, 6:15, 8:15, 9:35, 11:35
LARGER THAN LIFE IN 3D: DAVE MATTHEWS BAND (PG) 10:45, 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30, 11:55
IN DIGITAL 3-D
ARMORED (PG–13) 10:40, 1:20, 4:05, 6:40, 9:15, 11:45
BROTHERS (R) 10:20, 1:10, 4:00, 7:05, 10:00
EVERYBODY'S FINE (PG–13) 11:40, 2:40, 5:25, 8:00, 10:40
OLD DOGS (PG) 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:25
FANTASTIC MR. FOX (PG) 11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:55
NINJA ASSASSIN (R) 10:15, 12:45, 3:25, 6:05, 8:30, 9:05, 11:50
PLANET 51 (PG) 11:50, 2:45
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG–13) 11:00, 1:00, 2:20, 4:30, 5:40, 7:45, 9:00, 12:00 AMC Select
PRECIOUS: BASED ON THE NOVEL ``PUSH" BY SAPPHIRE (R) 10:30, 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:15
THE BLIND SIDE (PG–13) 10:35, 12:50, 1:50, 4:10, 5:00, 7:20, 8:20, 10:20, 11:30 AMC Select
BAD LIEUTENANT: PORT OF CALL NEW ORLEANS (R) 10:05, 1:15, 4:25, 7:40, 10:45
2012 (PG–13) 11:10, 3:20, 5:20, 7:10, 9:10, 10:50
DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL 3D (PG) 10:10, 12:30, 3:10, 5:45, 8:35, 11:40 IN DIGITAL 3-D
DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG) 11:35, 2:00, 4:45, 7:35

AMC Theatres Courthouse Plaza

Arlington — www.amctheatres.com

INVICTUS (PG–13) 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:20, 6:30, 7:20, 9:30, 10:20
LARGER THAN LIFE IN 3D: DAVE MATTHEWS BAND (PG) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 IN DIGITAL 3-D
EVERYBODY'S FINE (PG–13) 12:50, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
OLD DOGS (PG) 12:40, 5:00, 9:20
PLANET 51 (PG) 2:50, 7:10
THE BLIND SIDE (PG–13) 1:20, 2:20, 4:10, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:40
THE MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS (R) 1:00, 3:20, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

AMC Loews Shirlington

Arlington — www.amctheatres.com

AMC Select
ME AND ORSON WELLES (PG–13) 9:45, 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:50, 10:15
AMC Select
THE MESSENGER (R) 11:30, 4:35, 9:45
AMC Select
BAD LIEUTENANT: PORT OF CALL NEW ORLEANS (R) 10:55, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50
AMC Select
PIRATE RADIO (R) 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 9:55
AMC Select
LOOKING FOR PALLADIN (NR) 11:25, 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00
AMC Select
AN EDUCATION (PG–13) 10:05, 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05
AMC Select
A SERIOUS MAN (R) 10:00, 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
AMC Select
COCO BEFORE CHANEL (PG–13) 2:00, 7:10

Maryland

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center

Silver Spring — www.afi.com/silver

COLLAPSE (NR) 5:00, 9:15
AN EDUCATION (PG–13) 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:15
A SERIOUS MAN (R) 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20
PLEASURE AT HER MAJESTY'S (NR) 7:00 P.M.
THE MERMAID FROLICS (NR)
THE SECRET POLICEMAN ROCKS (NR) 10:00 P.M.
FROM CHILE...AN EMBRACE OF HOPE (NR)

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema

Bethesda — www.landmarktheatres.com

UP IN THE AIR (R) 12:45, 1:45, 3:30, 4:30, 6:15, 7:15, 9:00, 10:00
THE ROAD (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
FANTASTIC MR. FOX (PG) 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50
AN EDUCATION (PG–13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35
BROTHERS (R) 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45
PRECIOUS: BASED ON THE NOVEL ``PUSH" BY SAPPHIRE (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 9:55
PIRATE RADIO (R) 1:25, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25

AMC Loews Center Park

Beltsville — www.amctheatres.com

THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
INVICTUS (PG–13) 1:35, 4:30, 7:25, 10:20
ARMORED (PG–13) 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30
BROTHERS (R) 1:40, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50
NINJA ASSASSIN (R) 7:20, 9:35
PLANET 51 (PG) 12:25, 2:40, 4:50
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG–13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
THE BLIND SIDE (PG–13) 1:15, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00
1:15, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00
2012 (PG–13) 12:30, 3:50, 7:30

AMC Loews White Flint

Kensington — www.amctheatres.com

THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 9:30, 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
FANTASTIC MR. FOX (PG) 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG–13) 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:30
THE BLIND SIDE (PG–13) 10:40, 1:30, 4:30, 7:50, 10:40
2012 (PG–13) 11:45, 3:15, 6:45, 10:10

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center

Largo — www.amctheatres.com

THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 9:30, 11:00
INVICTUS (PG–13) 10:15, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
ARMORED (PG–13) 11:25, 1:55, 4:25, 6:55, 9:25, 11:55
BROTHERS (R) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50, 12:20
OLD DOGS (PG) 10:30 P.M.
NINJA ASSASSIN (R) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, 12:30
PLANET 51 (PG) 12:10, 2:40
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG–13) 10:20, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 AMC Select
PRECIOUS: BASED ON THE NOVEL ``PUSH" BY SAPPHIRE (R) 11:55, 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55, 12:25
THE BLIND SIDE (PG–13) 10:40, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
2012 (PG–13) 12:05, 3:35, 7:05, 10:35
DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL 3D (PG) 11:05, 1:35, 4:05, 7:35, 10:05 IN DIGITAL 3-D

Regal Bethesda

Bethesda — www.regmovies.com

AVATAR (PG–13)
IT'S COMPLICATED (R)
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG)
INVICTUS (PG–13) 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30
THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 11:50, 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
ME AND ORSON WELLES (PG–13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 10:15
EVERYBODY'S FINE (PG–13) 12:20, 2:20, 4:50, 7:50, 10:10
ARMORED (PG–13) 1:10, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:05
THE BLIND SIDE (PG–13) 12:50, 3:40, 7:20, 10:20
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG–13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
2012 (PG–13) 11:40, 3:00, 6:20, 9:50
DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL 3D (PG) 11:30, 1:45, 4:10, 6:30, 9:00

Regal Majestic Cinema

Silver Spring — www.regmovies.com

AVATAR (PG–13)
IT'S COMPLICATED (R)
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG)
DAVE MATTHEWS BAND 3D (NR) 12:00, 2:00, 4:05, 6:20, 8:20, 10:20, 11:05, 12:20
THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 11:30, 12:15, 1:50, 2:35, 4:10, 4:50, 6:30, 7:10, 8:50, 9:35, 11:10, 11:55
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INVICTUS (PG–13) 11:10, 1:15, 2:15, 4:20, 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30, 11:30
BROTHERS (R) 11:05, 1:40, 4:35, 7:35, 10:25
ARMORED (PG–13) 12:10, 2:45, 4:55, 7:05, 9:15, 11:35
EVERYBODY'S FINE (PG–13) 11:55, 2:10, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45
THE BOODOCK SAINTS II: ALL SAINTS DAY (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:40, 9:25, 12:05
NINJA ASSASSIN (R) 12:50, 3:25, 6:05, 7:40, 8:35, 10:00, 11:05, 12:15
THE BLIND SIDE (PG–13) 11:15, 1:25, 2:20, 4:15, 5:20, 7:15, 8:15, 10:10, 11:15
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG–13) 12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 9:55
DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL 3D (PG) 11:00, 1:10, 3:40, 6:10, 8:25
PRECIOUS: BASED ON THE NOVEL ``PUSH" BY SAPPHIRE (R) 1:35, 4:45, 7:50, 10:45
2012 (PG–13) 11:05, 2:40, 6:15, 9:40
FANTASTIC MR. FOX (PG) 12:35, 3:00, 5:45, 8:05, 10:15
OLD DOGS (PG) 12:05, 2:05, 4:25, 6:35, 8:45, 10:55
PLANET 51 (PG) 11:50, 2:30, 5:10

Regal Royale Stadium

Hyattsville — www.regmovies.com

AVATAR (PG–13)
IT'S COMPLICATED (R)
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG)
THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
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INVICTUS (PG–13) 11:45, 2:45, 5:45, 9:15
ARMORED (PG–13) 11:10, 1:30, 3:40, 7:00, 10:00
BROTHERS (R) 1:10, 4:00, 7:25, 10:05
NINJA ASSASSIN (R) 11:35, 1:55, 4:15, 7:05, 9:40
OLD DOGS (PG) 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 9:45
THE BLIND SIDE (PG–13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
PLANET 51 (PG) 1:35, 3:55, 6:35, 9:10
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG–13) 11:20, 3:30, 6:55, 9:55
FANTASTIC MR. FOX (PG) 11:15, 1:25, 3:35, 6:45, 9:35
2012 (PG–13) 11:05, 2:30, 5:50, 9:30
PRECIOUS: BASED ON THE NOVEL ``PUSH" BY SAPPHIRE (R) 1:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL 3D (PG) 11:00, 1:20, 3:50, 6:50, 9:25

Regal Rockville Center Stadium

Rockville — www.regmovies.com

AVATAR (PG–13)
IT'S COMPLICATED (R)
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG)
INVICTUS (PG–13) 12:10, 1:10, 3:10, 4:10, 6:30, 7:30, 9:40, 10:30
THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30
ARMORED (PG–13) 4:20, 7:10, 9:50, 11:45
1:50
BROTHERS (R) 1:40, 4:50, 7:40, 10:35
EVERYBODY'S FINE (PG–13) 1:20, 3:40, 6:40, 9:00, 11:20
THE BLIND SIDE (PG–13) 12:40, 3:50, 6:20, 7:20, 9:20, 10:20
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG–13) 12:05, 3:05, 6:10, 9:10, 12:00
DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL 3D (PG) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
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NINJA ASSASSIN (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:50, 10:10, 12:05
FANTASTIC MR. FOX (PG) 1:30, 4:00
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Poll Center

Today's Question

DO YOU THINK METRO WOULD BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT GM JOHN CATOE?

VOTE AT EXPRESSNIGHTOUT.COM OR TEXT A FOR YES OR B FOR NO TO 98999

Yesterday's Results

SHOULD PRESIDENT OBAMA HAVE REJECTED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE?

"If he cared about the integrity of the prize, he should have rejected it. Wishing for world peace instead of actually doing anything about it makes him no more qualified than your typical beauty pageant contestant."

COMMENTER DAMIEN KANE

"Obama should have never been nominated for it so early. He had only been in office a few weeks. However, it would be rude to snub the award and look arrogant."

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

SEE HOW YOUR METRO STATION VOTED AT WWW.EXPRESSNIGHTOUT.COM

Blog Log

"This continues a frustrating string of losses for my preferred chefs. Oh, Kevin, you lovable, fat little nerd. We all thought you had this one in the bag."

SOGOODBLOG.COM WAS HAPPY TO SEE MICHAEL VOLTAGGIO — ORIGINALLY FROM FREDERICK, MD. — WIN TOP CHEF BUT HAD A SOFT SPOT FOR KEVIN GILLESPIE, PICTURED.

"So, if we've got this straight, things are so bad that the outlet that's chronicled the death of the newspaper industry has now died. [Awesome.]"

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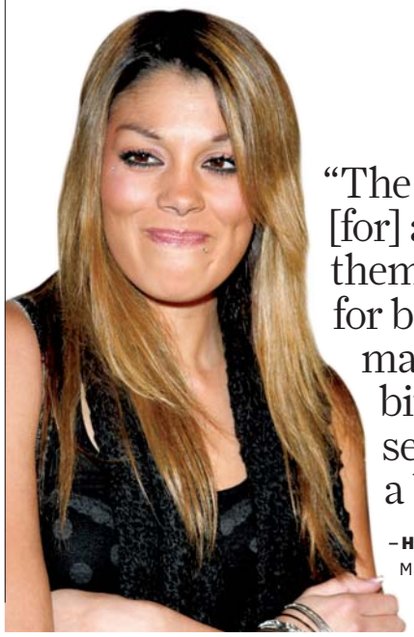

"The apology is, at best, a statement [for] anyone who wanted to make themselves appear to have regret for being a part of the upheaval of a marriage and a family. Perhaps a bit more time — maybe two sentences — would have sounded a bit more remorseful."

– **HULIQ.COM** WASN'T IMPRESSED WITH TIGER WOODS' ALLEGED MISTRESS JAMIEE GRUBBS' INTERVIEW WITH THE TV SHOW EXTRA!

"THIS IS DEFINITELY a step in the right direction from a large food manufacturer, though the lack of a timeline [for] the de-sugaring process leaves room for improvement."

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Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Pay attention to numbers, phrases, unspoken signals and chance events — all of which are likely to mean more than usual.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't be so attached to the status quo that you are resistant to all the good ideas that are coming your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Inner force is likely to be measured in ways that defy explanation, but you'll know when you're being put to the test.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Others are sure to pay attention to you, but you're mistaken if you think you know why. What interests them would surprise you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not become so impressed with yourself and your abilities that you begin to believe that you can do anything.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can do more harm than good by insisting that someone close to you follow your rules. You mean well, but let it go.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone you think you know is likely to defy identification throughout much of the day. Focus on the little things that can tell all.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You want to hear more about someone who has piqued your interest, but don't let anyone think that you're getting carried away. Use caution.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may become part of something that could easily get out of hand if everyone isn't careful to do what is right and appropriate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can be more satisfied than ever simply by appreciating what comes to you as a matter of course. There's a lot of good out there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone may accuse you of being a Pollyanna, but indeed you have reason to be so positive and upbeat at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You and a friend should be able to get a new project off the ground if you've both made the necessary preparations. Don't be premature.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 220

								RACK 1
A1	E1	E1	O1	Y4	W4	L1		
								RACK 2
A1	O1	O1	T1	T1	P3	C3	Triple Word Score	
								RACK 3
A1	U1	S1	S1	L1	T1	C3		
								RACK 4
A1	E1	I1	O1	D2	D2	V4	2nd Letter Double	

Yesterday's Solution

C3	L1	A1	R1	I1	T1	Y4	RACK 1 = 62
N1	E1	W4	S1	M3	A1	N1	RACK 2 = 74
M3	I1	D2	D2	A1	Y4		RACK 3 = 13
C3	H4	E1	A1	P3	E1	N1	RACK 4 = 66

PAR SCORE 150-160 TOTAL 215

FOUR RACK TOTAL _____

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

		9	8	4				3
		3	6		7	4		
			3				8	6
3		5				2		1
2	9				4			
		2	7		5	1		
6				1	8	7		

Yesterday's Solution

3	2	7	4	5	9	8	6	1
9	5	1	6	2	8	3	7	4
8	6	4	1	3	7	2	5	9
5	7	6	8	4	3	1	9	2
2	3	8	7	9	1	6	4	5
1	4	9	5	6	2	7	8	3
6	8	5	3	1	4	9	2	7
4	9	3	2	7	6	5	1	8
7	1	2	9	8	5	4	3	6

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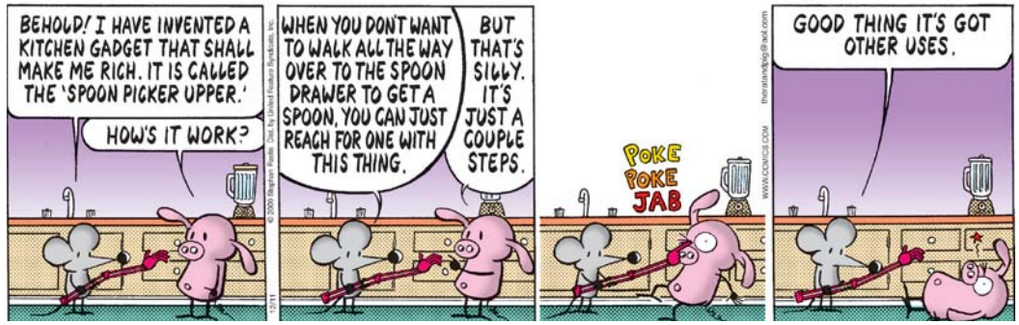

Forecast

36 | 26

Today: Mostly sunny, breezy and colder today. Mainly clear tonight.

42 | 32

Tomorrow: Partly sunny tomorrow. Increasing cloudiness tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
46 | 39	50 | 42	51 | 36

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:17 a.m.
Sunset today: 4:46 p.m.
Moonrise today: 2:27 a.m.
Moonset today: 1:20 p.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 48
Record high: 67
Normal low: 33
Record low: 4

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Crossword

CASUAL FURNISHINGS

ACROSS

1 Apprehends
5 Bridal path bit
10 Thing worse than knavery
14 That certain something
15 Lack of muscle tone
16 Vatican City monetary unit, once
17 Texas city where Dr Pepper was created
18 Important organs for a singer
19 Horned Egyptian goddess
20 Talker looking for a deal, often
23 Wear and tear
24 Meddlesome gossip
25 Andean pack animal
27 Exasperated sounds
31 Clutch performer?
34 High-fiber fruit
37 Ten-toed sloth?
40 Archer who aims for the heart
42 "Captain Blood" star Flynn
43 Guy who stood behind Michael Jackson
44 High-roller's limit, perhaps
47 Adams or Johnson
48 Keep ___ to the ground
49 Hits a high point
51 Citrus peel in a mixed drink
54 "What's mine is ___"
58 "A leopard can't change its spots," e.g.
60 Meeting moderator
64 Addressed the court
66 Poem's final stanza (var.)
67 Oom-pah-pah instrument
68 To the sheltered side, at sea
69 A day's march
70 "CHiPS" star Estrada
71 Lip-___ (pretend to sing)
72 Improved muscle definition
73 .00001 newton

DOWN

1 Full of topical info
2 Get ___ start (be tardy)
3 Breakfast rasher
4 Uppity ones
5 Crab's sensor
6 It has notions
7 Certain Chinese mafia association
8 California ballplayer
9 Spray under the sink
10 "Y" sporter
11 Certain teaching material
12 Spring flower
13 Beam intensely
21 Nonclerical
22 Post-WWII alliance
26 "Futurama" creator Groening
28 "Anything ___"
29 Offended
30 Put into a Dumpster, e.g.
32 Sgt. Snorkel's four-legged friend
33 Twelve o'clock, half the time
34 Big cheese in Athens
35 Persia, now
36 Middleman
38 "Driving Miss Daisy" driver
39 Not guilty, e.g.
41 Uncooked side
45 Rock star Clapton
46 Terrier named for a Scottish isle
50 Alphabetized, e.g.
52 Linen sale purchase
53 "So much," musically
55 Illegal lending practice
56 Dick Grayson's alter ego
57 Viper for one
58 Steam bath sites
59 Wartime friend
61 Terrible ruler?
62 Tug-of-war need
63 "The ___ Piper of Hamelin"
65 Yr.'s end

Yesterday's Solution

B	L	E	N	D		S	T	Y		U	M	B	E	R
L	U	R	E	R		P	R	O		N	E	R	V	E
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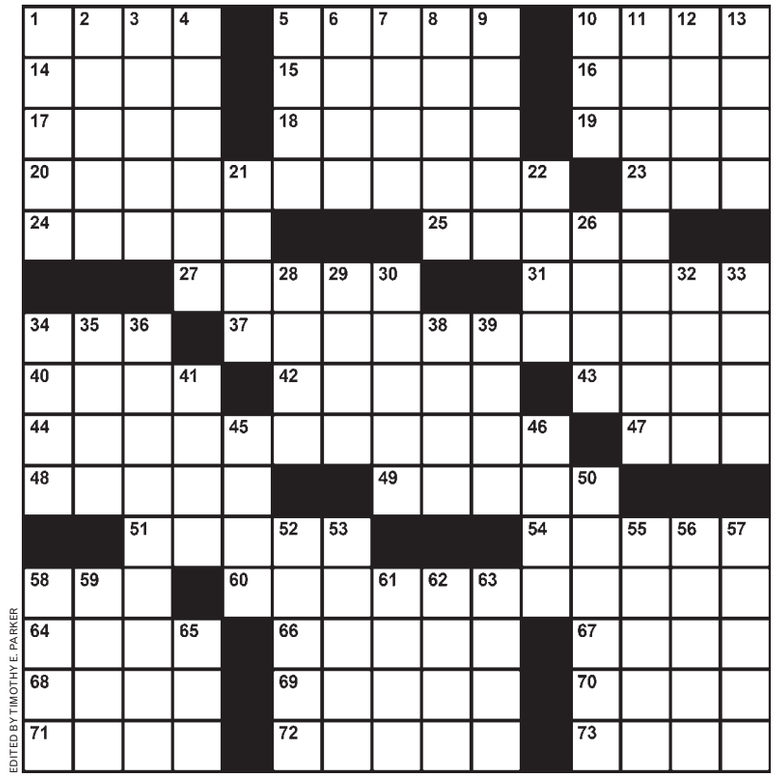

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Samurai Sudoku

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Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

	4	5				1	6	
8						4		7
2		7			4			8
			8	5	1			
		1	6		3			4
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		2	9		8			
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	5	6						

	5	2				1	8	
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Last Week's Solution

1	6	7	2	8	9	3	4	5
3	4	9	5	6	7	8	2	1
5	2	8	3	1	4	9	6	7
8	1	2	9	7	6	5	3	4
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Today in History

1872 Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback becomes governor of Louisiana and the United States' first black governor.

1941 The United States declares war against Germany and Italy in World War II.

2008 Former Nasdaq stock market chairman Bernard L. Madoff is arrested on a securities fraud charge and is accused of running a phony investment business that lost at least $50 billion.

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REALIZATIONS

'Hannah Montana' and 'Grammy' Don't Belong In the Same Sentence

A Miley Cyrus song has been pulled from Grammy contention because it was not written specifically for "Hannah Montana: The Movie," People.com reported. "The Climb" was nominated for best song written for a soundtrack. A source told People that the song was submitted by mistake. **(EXPRESS)**

RECOVERING

Alexa Ray Joel's Parents Speak Out

Billy Joel and Christie Brinkley say their daughter is trying to recover from her "dangerous actions" of last weekend, when Alexa Ray Joel was hospitalized after a drug overdose. Joel and Brinkley said Wednesday that their daughter's actions came "while suffering a devastating heartbreak." Joel and Brinkley also say a report in the New York Post that said she had tried to commit suicide after a fight with her mom was "false." **(AP)**

WHINING

Yeah, Yeah, Beyonce Deserved It More

Kanye West and Taylor Swift have been named the king and queen of the charts. Billboard magazine named Swift the top female artist, and West was declared top male artist. But Swift trumps West overall. She was the top artist of the year, with Beyonce coming in second and Lady Gaga third. West and Swift provided one of the year's most-talked-about episodes when West hijacked her MTV Video Music Awards acceptance speech. **(AP)**

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DIRTBAG DIGEST

Rockville Dissed By Jon

Jon Gosselin didn't show up to a hearing in his legal fight with TLC, and the hearing started without him. The judge says Gosselin's lawyers don't plan to call witnesses. The network wants the judge to stop Gosselin from making media appearances that it says violate his exclusive contract, which TLC says remains in force. Gosselin says he has a right to earn a living as a media personality. He also claims in a countersuit that TLC violated Pennsylvania's child labor laws in filming his eight children. **(AP)**

"I gagged when my son came in and asked me about implants."

—**WENDY WILLIAMS,** WHOSE 9-YEAR-OLD SON FOUND OUT SHE HAD A BREAST AUGMENTATION FROM WATCHING HER TALK SHOW. "I SAT DOWN AND WENT THROUGH PLASTIC SURGERY WITH HIM," SHE TELLS PEOPLE.COM. WILLIAMS ALSO ADMITTED THAT SHE GOT LIPOSUCTION AT THE SAME TIME.

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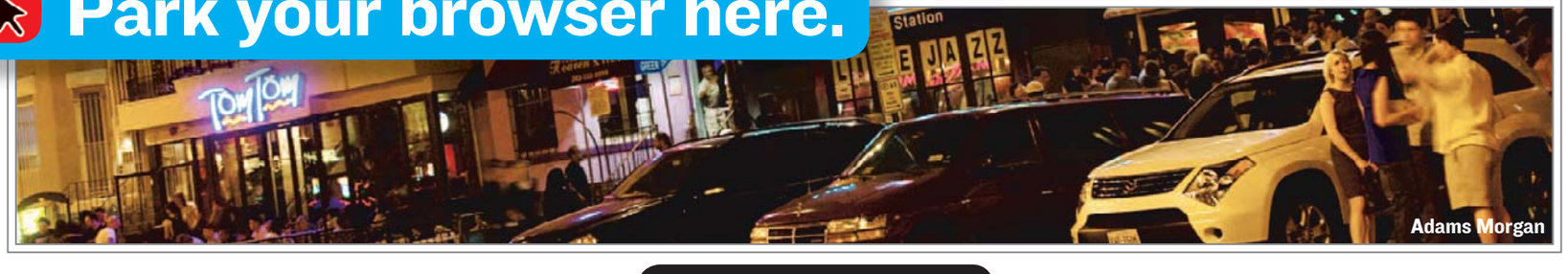

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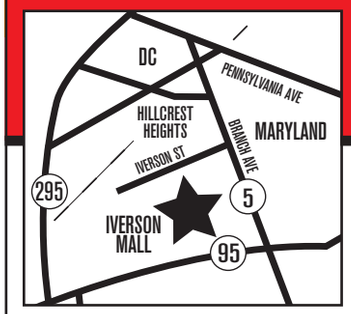

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